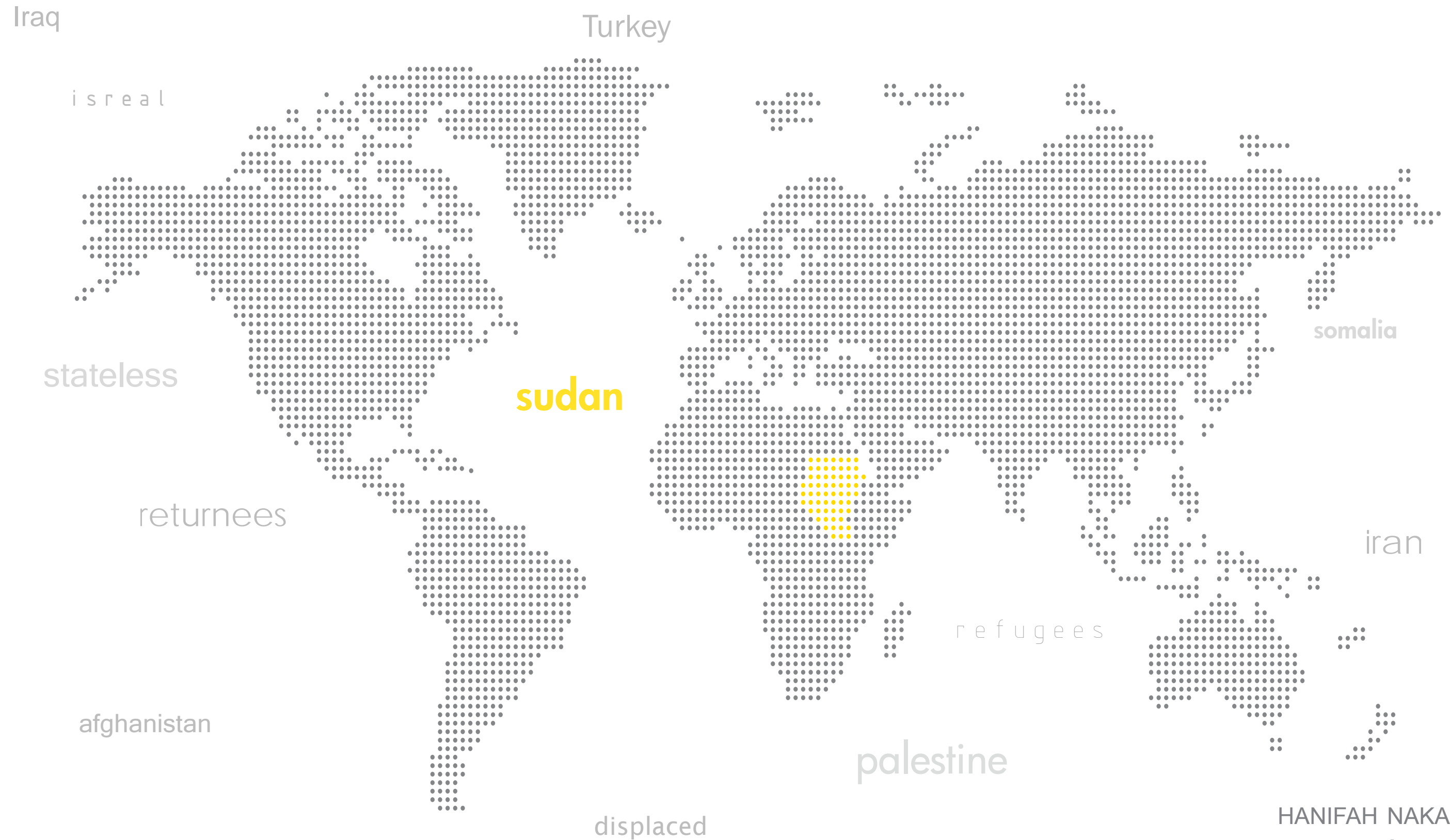


TRANSITIONAL REFUGEE COMMUNITY

DESIGN STRATEGY FOR DRY/ARID REGIONS



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...the average duration of major refugee situations has increased from **9 years** (1993) to **17 years** (2003)
"Protected Refugee Situations," UNHCR, June 2004



PROJECT DEFINITION

“WHAT IS THE MASTER’S PROJECT?”

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AS DEFINED BY THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES: SHELTER WHICH PROVIDES HABITABLE COVERING; A SECURE HEALTHY LIVING ENVIRONMENT WITH PRIVACY AND DIGNITY TO THOSE WITHIN IT OVER A PERIOD BETWEEN CONFLICT OR NATURAL DISASTER AND ACHIEVING A DURABLE (PERMANENT) SHELTER SOLUTION.

THE PROPOSED MASTER’S PROJECT IS THE EXPLORATION OF HOW ARCHITECTURAL PLANNING AND DESIGN CAN IMPROVE AND INCREASE EFFICIENCY IN TRANSITIONAL HOUSING DURING EMERGENCY RELIEF AND/OR CONFLICT RELATED SITUATIONS. THE PROJECT PROPOSAL DEVELOPED THROUGH DESIGN EXPLORATION OF SEVERAL PROTOTYPES THAT WOULD NOT ONLY BE MINIMAL BUT WILL ALSO BE CULTURALLY AND CLIMATICALLY ADAPTIVE AMONG OTHER THINGS. AFTER A THOROUGH SELECTION PROCESS, CONCENTRATION WAS GIVEN TO ARID/DRY CLIMATE AND THE AREA SELECTED FOR STUDY WAS DARFUR, SUDAN.

“WHAT IS THE PROJECT ABOUT?”

ACCORDING TO UNHCR, “ONE IN SEVEN PEOPLE LIVES IN A SLUM OR REFUGEE CAMP”. HUMAN DISPLACEMENT IS A RECURRING SITUATION WORLDWIDE AND IS AN ISSUE THAT HAS AFFECTED ALMOST EVERY CIVILIZATION. CAUSES ARE DUE TO NATURAL DISASTERS SUCH AS EARTH QUAKES, TORNADOS, OR HUMAN CONFLICTS SUCH AS WARS AND POLITICAL DISTRESS. SHELTER IS THE MOST BASIC AND CRUCIAL NECESSITY AFTER SUCH OCCURRENCES. NOT UNTIL AS RECENT AS 1999, THERE WERE NO EASILY IDENTIFIABLE DESIGN RESOURCES FOR SHELTERS OR TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AFTER SUCH CRISIS SITUATIONS.

“WHY IS THE PROJECT BEING DEVELOPED?”

THE UNHCR ALSO RECORDED THAT IN 2004 THE AVERAGE DURATION OF MAJOR REFUGEE SITUATIONS HAS INCREASED FROM NINE YEARS IN 1993 TO SEVENTEEN YEARS IN 2003. ONE OF THE MANY CHALLENGES IN THE EMERGENCY RELIEF HOUSING INDUSTRY IS HOW TO DESIGN A SHELTER THAT IS NOT CONSIDERED “TOO PERMANENT”. THE ISSUE WITH MAKING SHELTERS THIS WAY IS THAT OCCUPANTS HAVE LESS INCENTIVE TO RETURN TO THEIR PREVIOUS LIVING CONDITIONS BEFORE THE DISPLACEMENT. AS A RESULT, GOVERNMENTS TEND TO LOWER HOUSING AS A PRIORITY, THEREFORE RESULTING INTO TEMPORARY REFUGEE CAMPS BECOMING PERMANENT CAMPS. THE PRIMARY AIM OF THE PROSPECTIVE MASTER’S PROJECT DESIGN WILL BE TO DEVELOP PROTOTYPICAL AUTONOMOUS STRUCTURES THAT WILL SERVE AS TRANSITIONAL HOUSING BUT WITH AN EXPIRATION DATE. IN OTHER WORDS, THE SOLUTION WILL BE DURABLE ENOUGH TO WITHSTAND WEATHER CONSTRAINTS BUT WITH A SPECIFIC LIFE SPAN WITH THE GOAL TO MAKE GOVERNMENTS TAKE INITIATIVE IN RESOLVING THE HOUSING SITUATION.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, THE MAIN GOAL WITH THIS TYPE OF PROJECT WOULD BE TO PROMOTE ARCHITECTURE AND OTHER RELATED DESIGN FIELDS AS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT WITH THE MAIN OUTCOME WHICH ENTAILS PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITIES. EMPHASIZE THE ROLE OF ARCHITECTURE IN HUMANITARIAN RELIEF AND ENCOURAGED PEOPLE ORIENTED PROJECTS.

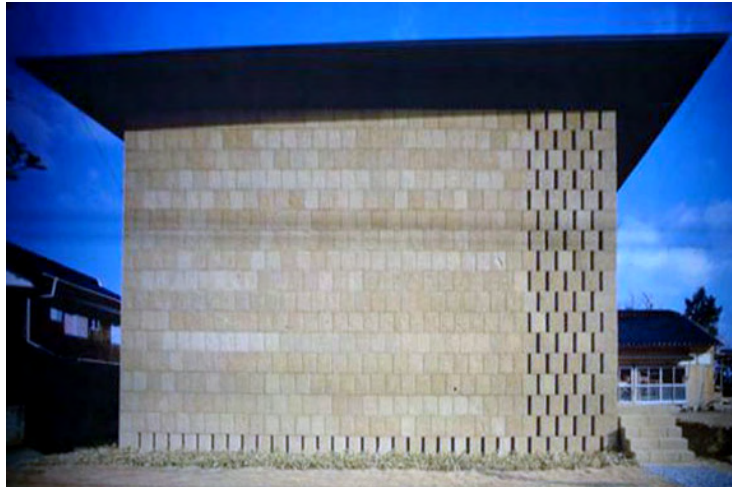


DEVELOPING A PROTOTYPICAL HOUSING UNIT THAT WOULD SERVE AS A TRANSITIONAL DWELLING FOR COMMUNITIES AFFECTED DURING CONFLICT OR NATURAL DISASTERS IN AREAS OF DRY/ARID CLIMATES.

DESIGNING DWELLINGS THAT NOT ONLY FUNCTION AS A SINGLE AUTONOMOUS UNIT BUT ALSO, ONCE ASSEMBLED AS A GROUP SETTING, OPERATE CORROBORATIVELY AS A UNIFIED SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY.

ESTABLISHING FLEXIBLE DESIGN STANDARDS THAT WILL BE ACCOMMODATING TO THE CULTURAL BACKGROUND OF THE DISPLACED POPULATION AT LARGE, DEPENDING ON THE SETTING. SPECIFIC CONCENTRATION ON THE PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE OF CULTURE IN RELATION TO DISPLACEMENT.





AESTHETICS

DESIGN SHOULD BE VISUALLY APPROPRIATE AND ARCHITECTURAL IN ITS SIMPLICITY AND OVERALL FORM.

CULTURE

SENSITIVE AND ADAPTIVE TO THE CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS OF THE SPECIFIED DISPLACED POPULATION BY TAKING INTO ACCOUNT TRADITIONAL SPATIAL NEEDS AND FAMILY SIZE.

DURABILITY

THE ABILITY TO RESIST EVERYDAY AND/OR WEATHER RELATED WEAR AND TEAR FOR THE DESIGNATED PERIOD IT IS OCCUPIED.

TRANSITION

BETWEEN TEMPORARY SHELTERS (TENTS) TO A MORE HABITABLE SHELTER THAT WILL SUSTAIN THE OCCUPANT FOR LONGER THAN ONE YEAR. BUILDING IN PHASES WITH THE POTENTIALITY OF A PERMANENT COMMUNITY DEPENDING ON DURATION OF REFUGEE STATUS.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

AN EMPHASIS ON “PEOPLE- ORIENTED PLANNING” WITH A FOCUS ON OWNERSHIP AND SHARED RESPONSIBILITY. DEVELOPMENT OF TRADES AND SKILLS.

MATERIALS

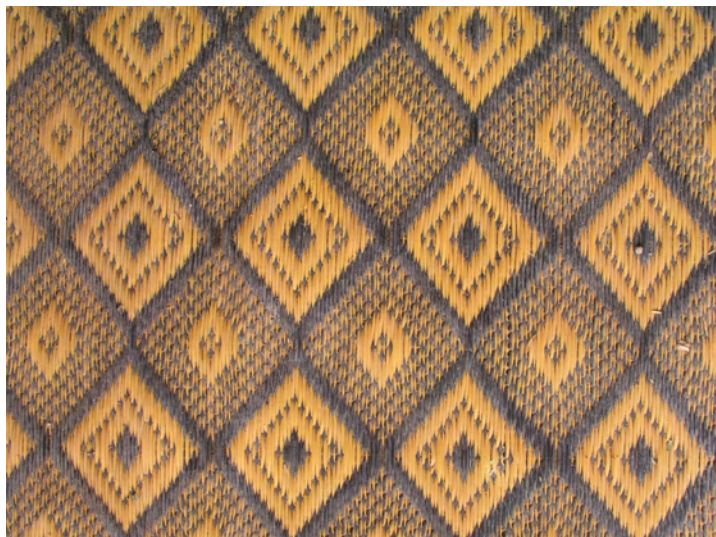
USE OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES LOCAL TO THE AREA TO REDUCE DEPENDENCY ON IMPORTED MATERIALS.

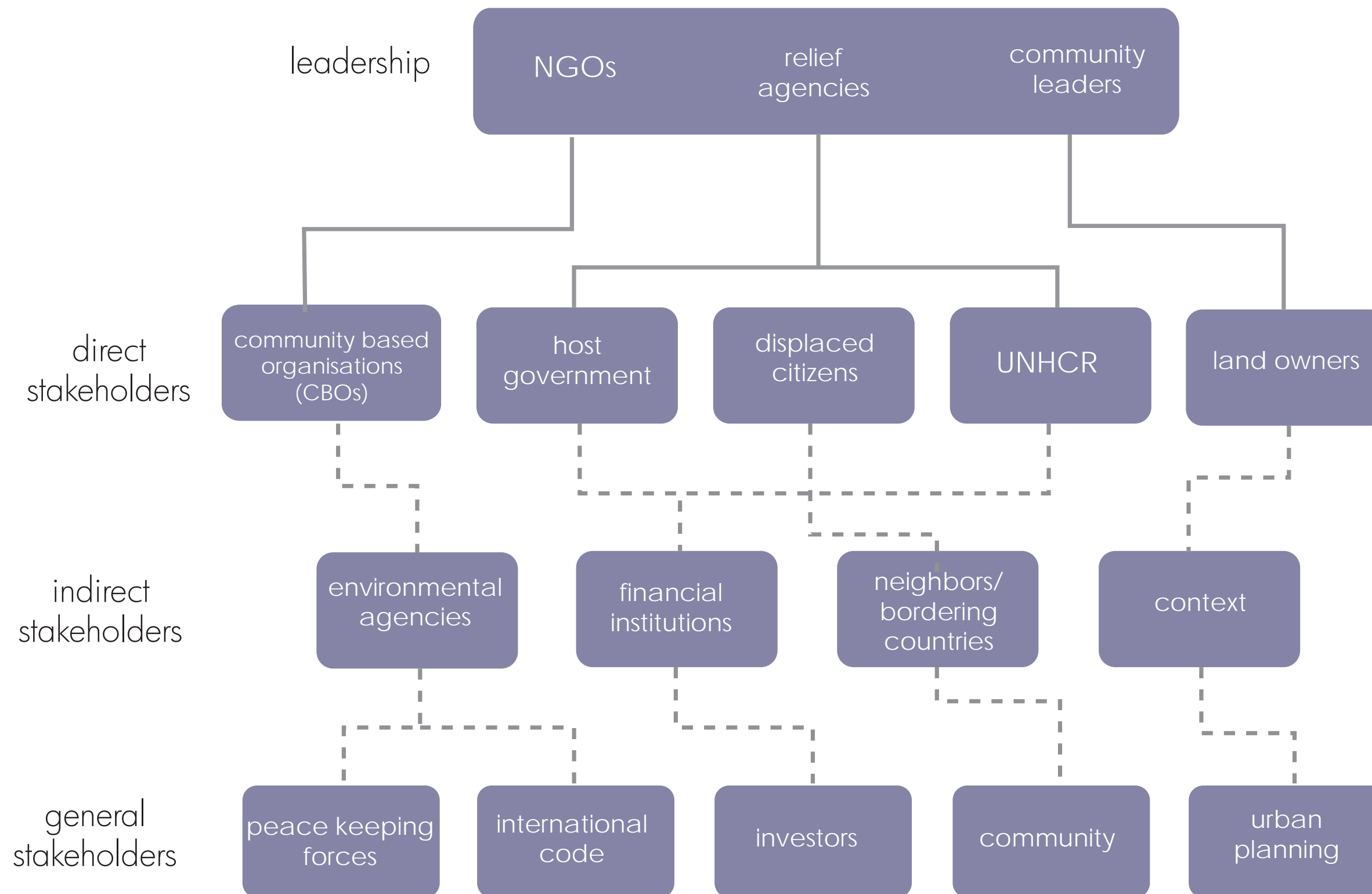
METHODOLOGY

USE OF LOCAL SKILLS AND TRADITIONAL CONSTRUCTION METHODS WITH LOW MAINTENANCE.

ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIENCE

DESIGN SOLUTION THAT INTEGRATES PASSIVE SYSTEMS APPLICABLE TO THE REGIONAL CLIMATE AND ENCOURAGES REUSE AND RECYCLING OF MATERIALS.



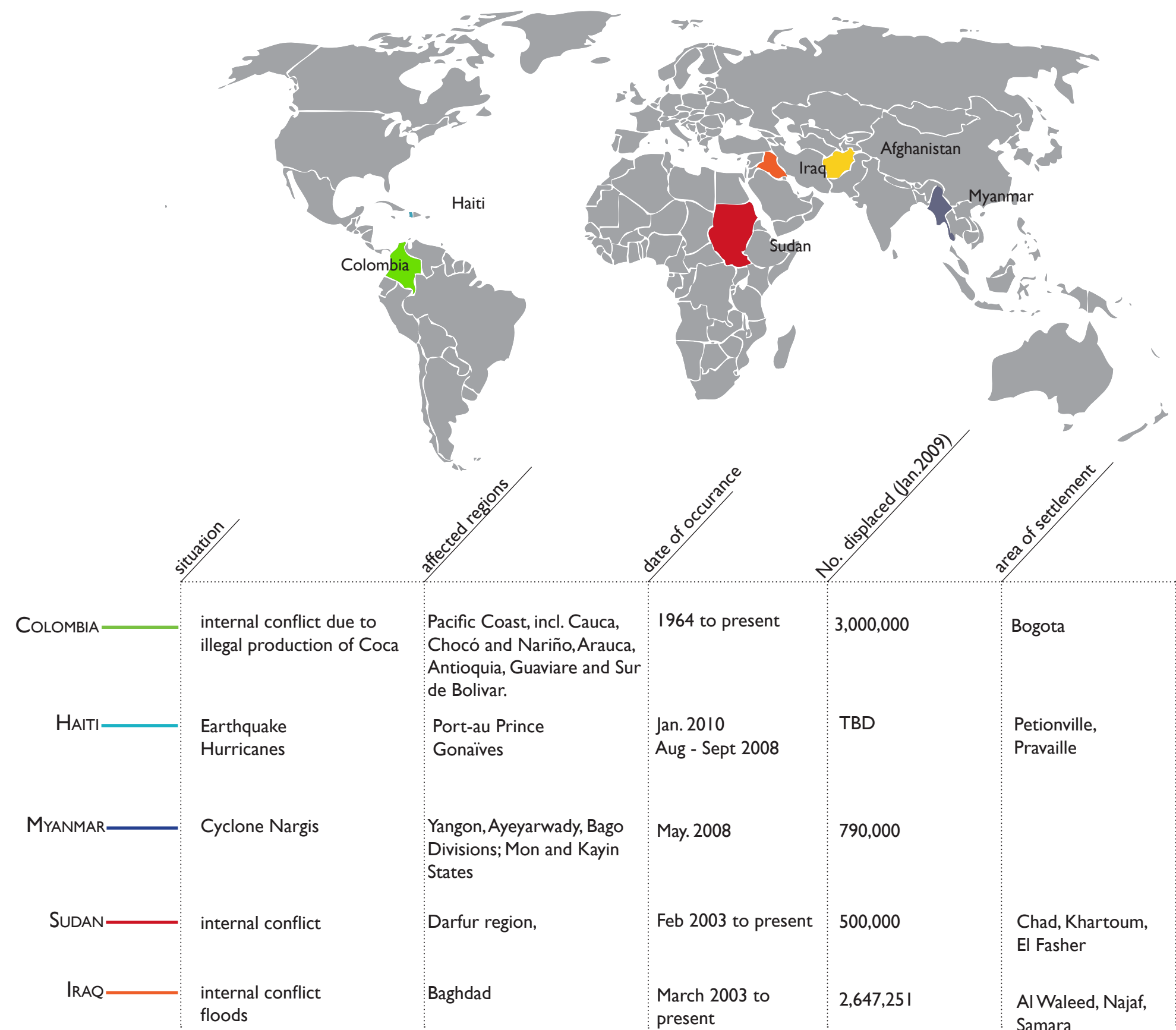


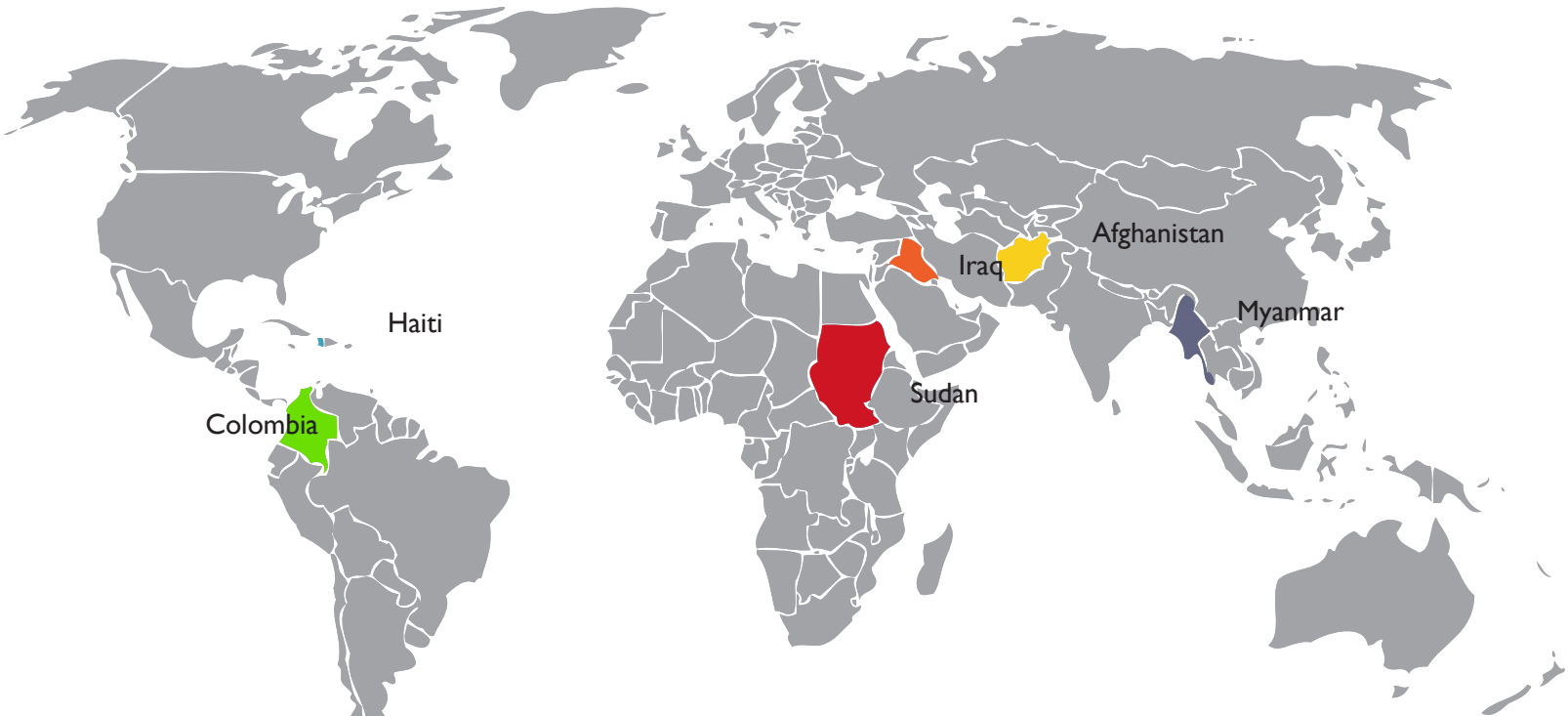
the UN High Commissioner for Refugees reported that there were **9,200,000** refugees were reported in 2004 alone...

"2004 Global Refugee trends," UNHCR, June 2005



RESEARCH PROCESS





	city	climate	avg. temp. (°F)	avg. Perp.(inches)	natural hazards	winds	soil type	terrain
COLOMBIA	Quibdo	tropical rainforest	high: 88 (jan) low: 72 (mar)	high: 8 (may) low: 3 (feb)	earthquakes, volcanoes floods			
HAITI	Port-au-Prince	sub-tropical/ semi-arid	high: 95 (aug, jul) low: 72 (feb, dec)	high: 9.8 (may) low: 1.8 (dec, jan)	earthquakes, floods, hurricanes	located lee-ward side of Hispaniola, low trade winds	mountains: thin, loose soil lowlands: clay, loam plain/valley: alluvial soil	coastal plains, 2/3 cov- ered with three mountain ranges
MYANMAR	Yangon	tropical	high: 97 (mar, apr) low: 64 (jan)	high: 22.9 (may) low: 0.12 (dec, jan)	earthquakes, cyclones, landslides, floods			
SUDAN	Khartom	semi-arid	high: 108 (may) low: 59 (jan)	high: 2.8 (aug) low: 0 (nov-apr)	drought, sand storms		north/west: sandy soil central: clay soils south: laterite soil White/Blue Nile: alluvial	
IRAQ	Baghdad	dry/ arid	high: 111 (jul) low: 39 (jan)	high: 1.3 (mar) low: 0 (jul-sep)	floods (north), dust and sand storms		alluvial soils and marshland along Tigris/Euphrates	north: highlands south: desert plains

SRI LANKA



COUNTRY PROFILE: SRI LANKA

avg. temperature:
high - 95° (jun)
low - 75 (nov)

avg. rainfall:
high - 14" (dec)
low - 1.1" (jul)

terrain:
terraced highlands, paddy fields, scrubland,
forest, wetlands, and lagoons

agricultural resources:
tea, rice,

natural resources (national)
coconut, rubber, tea, steel, textiles, plywood,
cement, graphite, limestone, graphite, mineral
sands, gems, phosphates, clay, hydropower

industries (national)
rubber processing, tea, coconuts, and other
agricultural commodities; telecommunications,
insurance, and banking; clothing, cement, pe-
troleum refining, textiles, tobacco

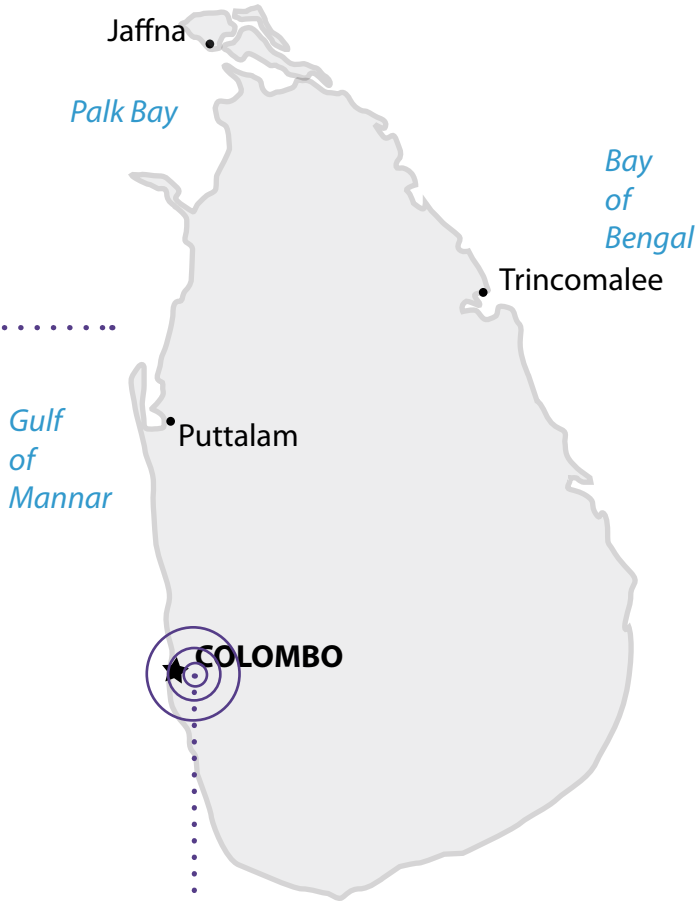
ethnic composition
Muslim: 41%
Tamil: 35%
Sinhalese: 24%

situation
occasional cyclones and tornadoes
-2004 tsunami displacement

pop. displaced
73,000 civilians

affected districts:
Kuchchaveli, Town and Gravets, Kinniya, Seruvila, Mut-
tur, Echchilampatta

IDP camp areas:
Trincomalee



largest city: Colombo
focus area: Trincomalee
official language: Sinhala, Tamil
population: 20,238,000 (2009 estimate)
density: 798.9/sq mi

HAITI



COUNTRY PROFILE: HAITI

avg. temperature:
high - 95° (jul, aug)
low - 72 (feb, dec)

avg. rainfall:
high - 9.8" (may)
low - 1.8" (dec, jan)

terrain:
mountains: thin loose soil
low land: clay, loam soils
plains/valleys: alluvial soils

agricultural resources:
coffee, mangoes, sugarcane, rice,
corn, sorghum, wood, sisal

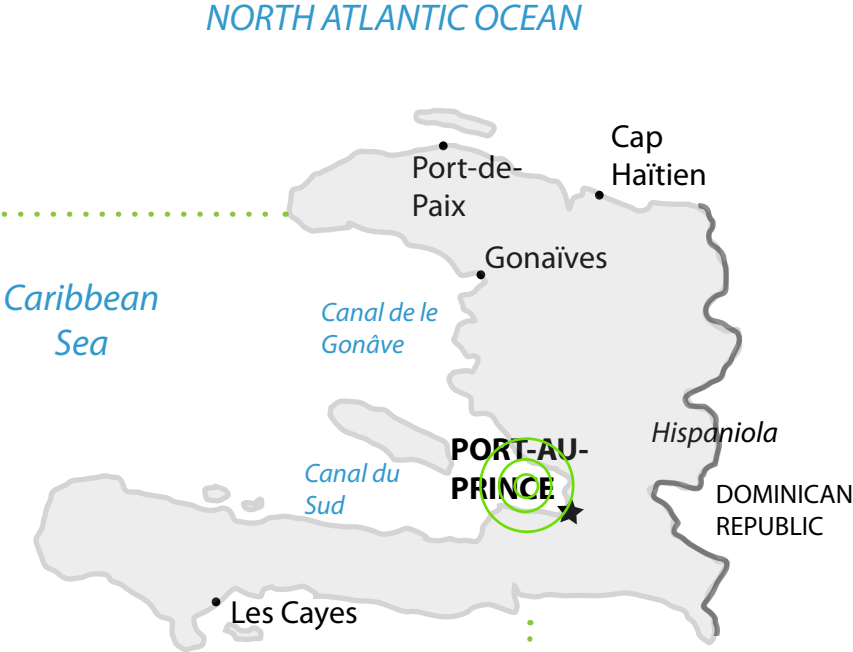
natural resources:
bauxite, copper calcium car-
bonarte, gold, marble

industries:
sugar refining , flour milling,
textiles, cement, light assembly

religious composition
Catholic: 80%
Protestant: 16%
Haitian Vodou 5%

Situation:
- 2010 earthquake leaving almost half of the capital's
population displaced
- located in the middle of the hurricane belt and subject to
severe storms from July to October; occasional flooding
and earthquakes, periodic droughts

IDP camp area:
Petionville: currently 50,000 refugees, eastern suburb of
Port-au-Prince.
Croix de Bouquette: 10,000 refugees, northern suburb of
Port-au-Prince.

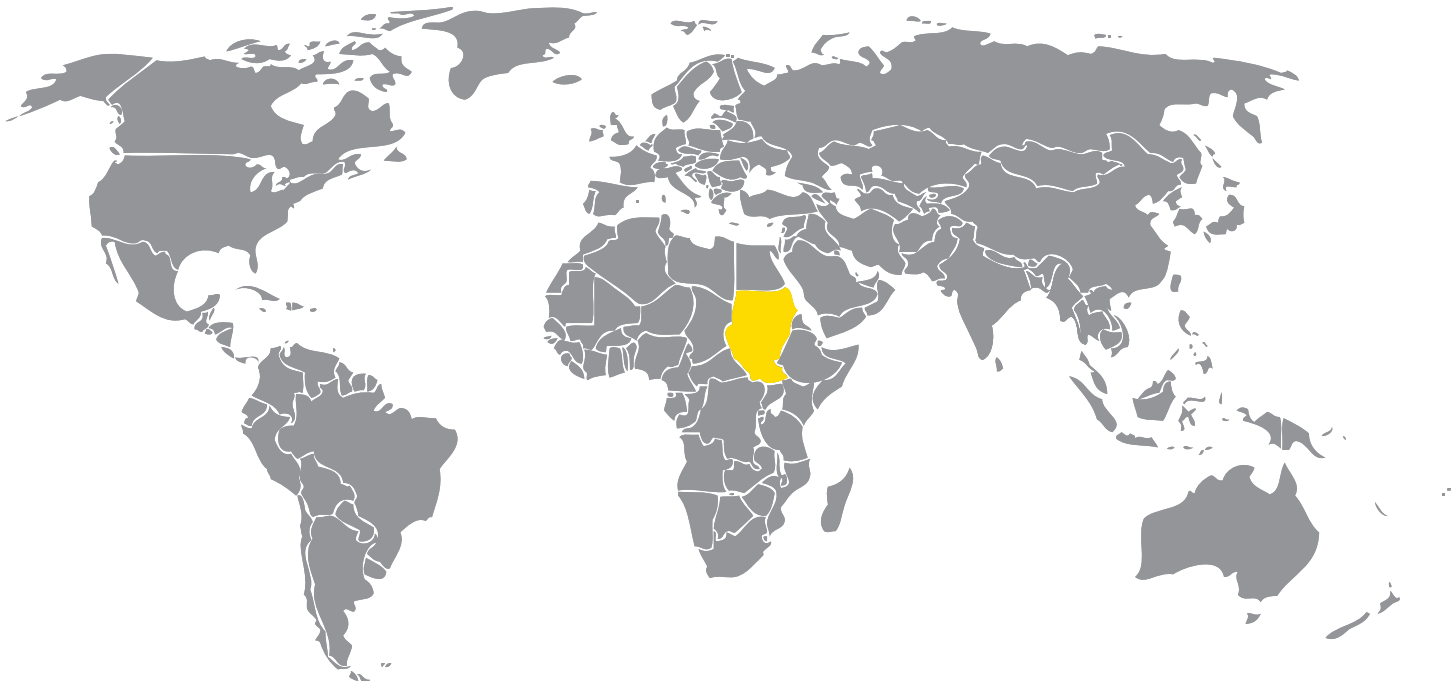


capital: Port-au Prince
official language: Haitian Creole, French
population: 9,035,536 (2009 estimate)
density: 936.4/sq mi



RESEARCH PROCESS

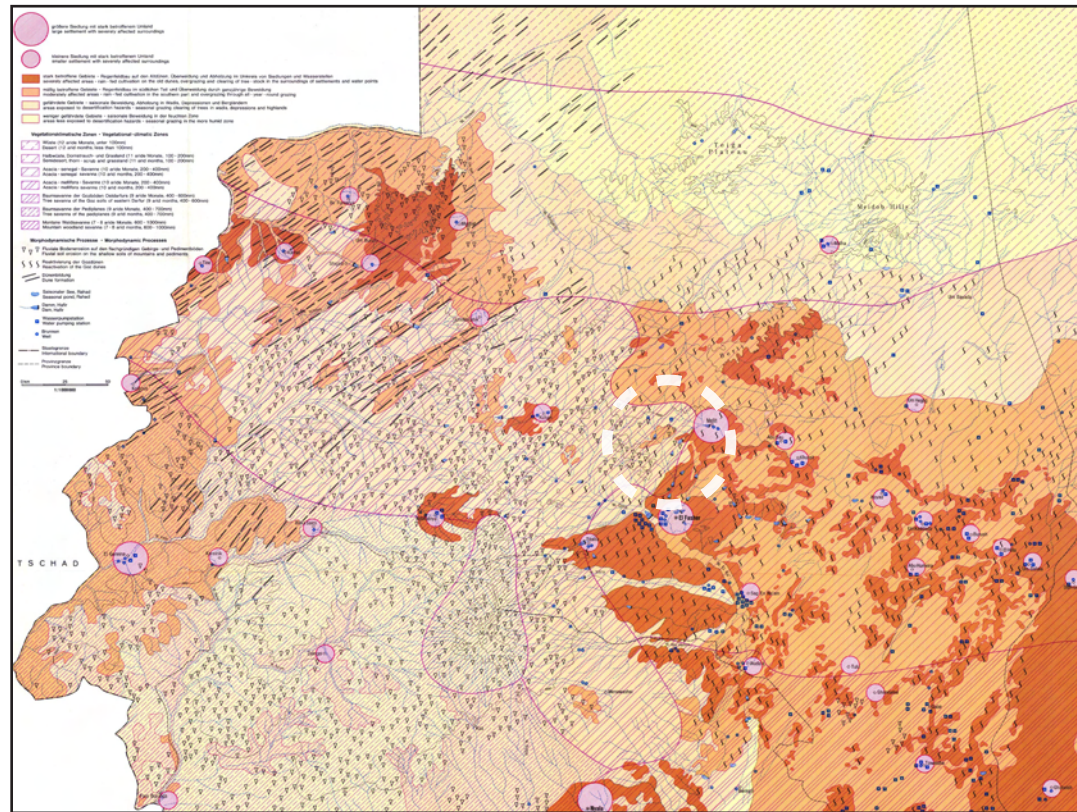
COUNTRY PROFILE: **DARFUR, SUDAN**



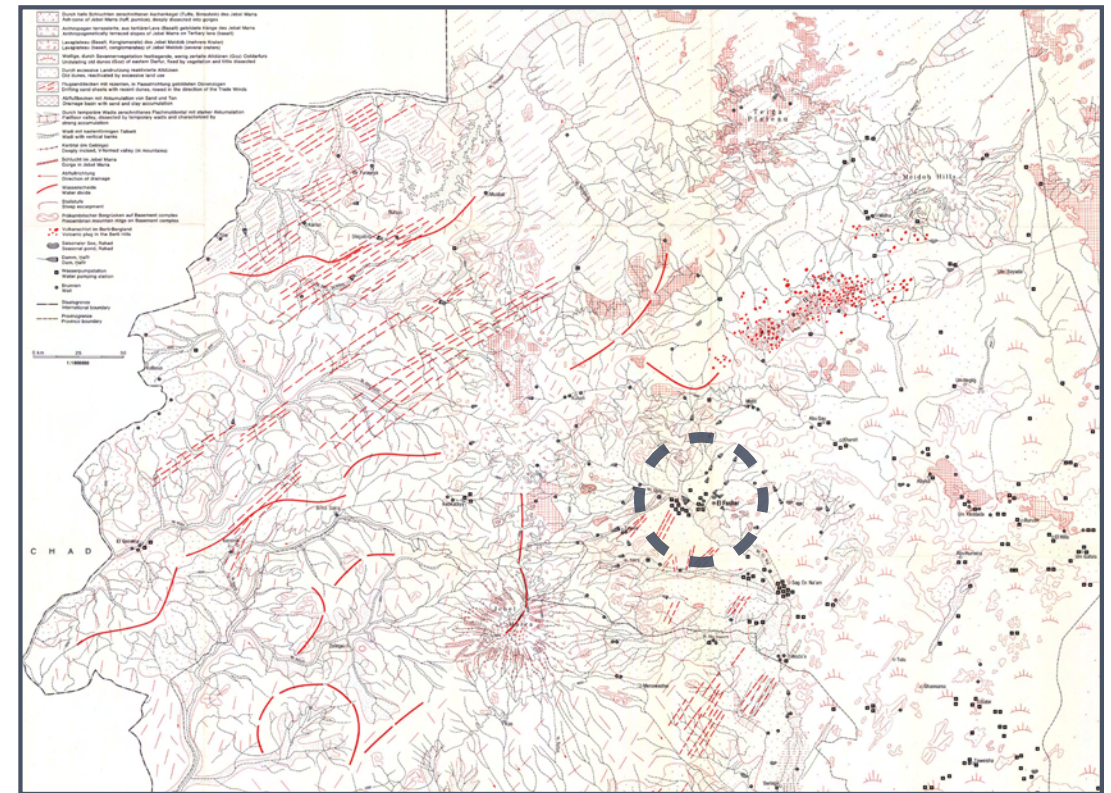
CAPITAL: **KHARTOUM**
OFFICIAL LANGUAGE: **ARABIC**
POPULATION: **42,272,000** (2009 ESTIMATE)
DENSITY: **43.7/SQ MI**
FOCUS AREA: **DARFUR**
IDP POPULATION: **500,000 +**



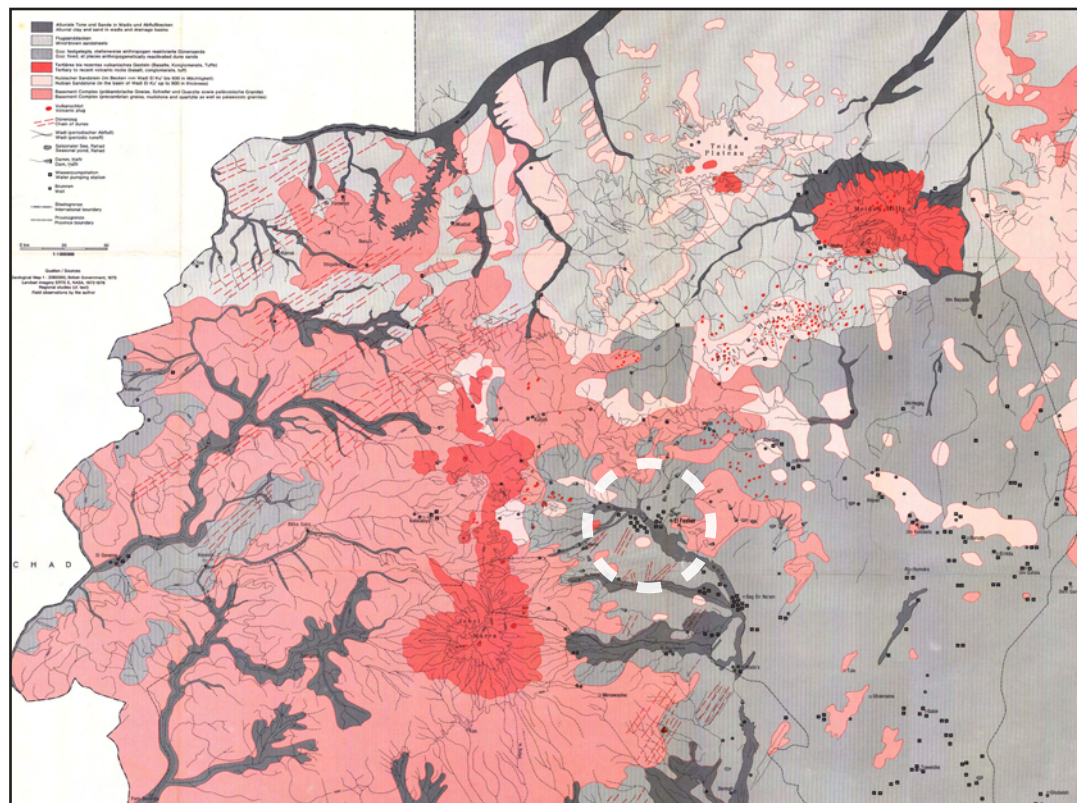
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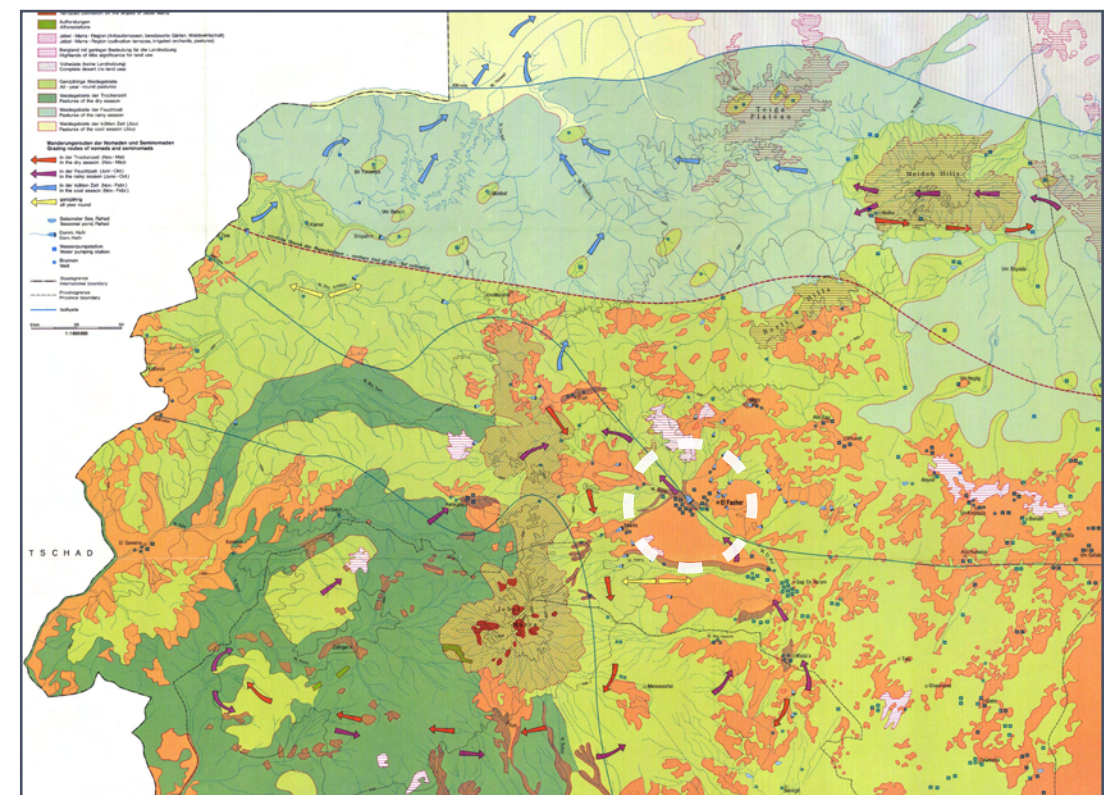
DESERTIFICATION MAP



GEOMORPHOLOGY MAP

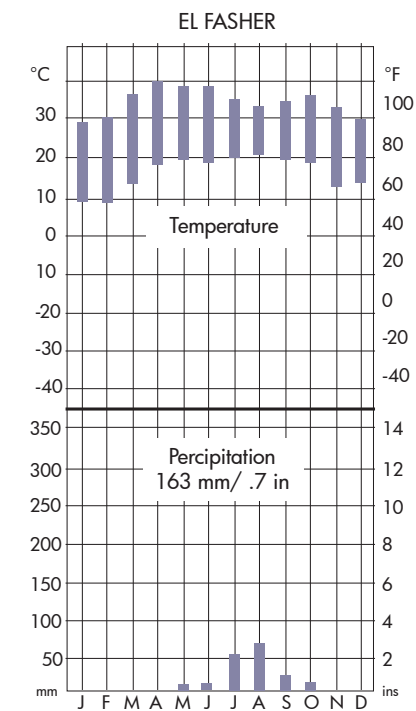
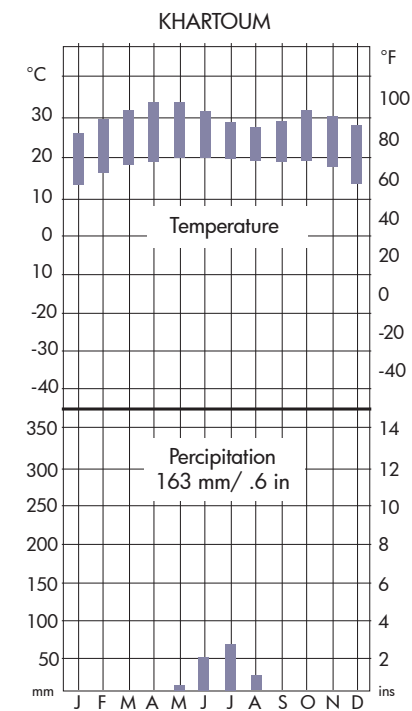


HYDROGEOLOGICAL MAP



LAND USE MAP

RESEARCH PROCESS



AVG. TEMPERATURE:
HIGH - 101° (MAY)
LOW - 59° (JAN)

AVG. RAINFALL:
HIGH - 4.8"
LOW - 0"

TERRAIN:
EAST: PLAINS AND LOW HILLS, SANDY SOILS,
NORTH: SAHARA DESERT, DRY ARID PLATEAUS
WEST: BASEMENT ROCK WITH THIN LAYER OF SANDY SOIL; JABEL
MARRA VOLCANIC MOUNTAINS; TEMPERATE, HIGH RAINFALL,
PERMANENT WATER SPRINGS.



AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES:

SISAL, BAMBOO, LIVESTOCK, CASH CROPS,

NATURAL RESOURCES (WITHIN SUDAN):

PETROLEUM; SMALL RESERVES OF IRON ORE, COPPER, CHROMIUM ORE, ZINC, TUNGSTEN, MICA, SILVER, GOLD, HYDROPOWER

INDUSTRIES (WITHIN SUDAN):

OIL, COTTON GINNING, TEXTILES, CEMENT, EDIBLE OILS, SUGAR, SOAP DISTILLING, SHOES, PETROLEUM REFINING, PHARMACEUTICALS, ARMAMENTS, LIGHT TRUCK ASSEMBLY, RUBBER (TIRES)



RELIGIOUS COMPOSITION:

ISLAM: 80%

ANIMIST: 15%

CHRISTIANITY: 5%

CONFLICTS/NATURAL HAZARDS:

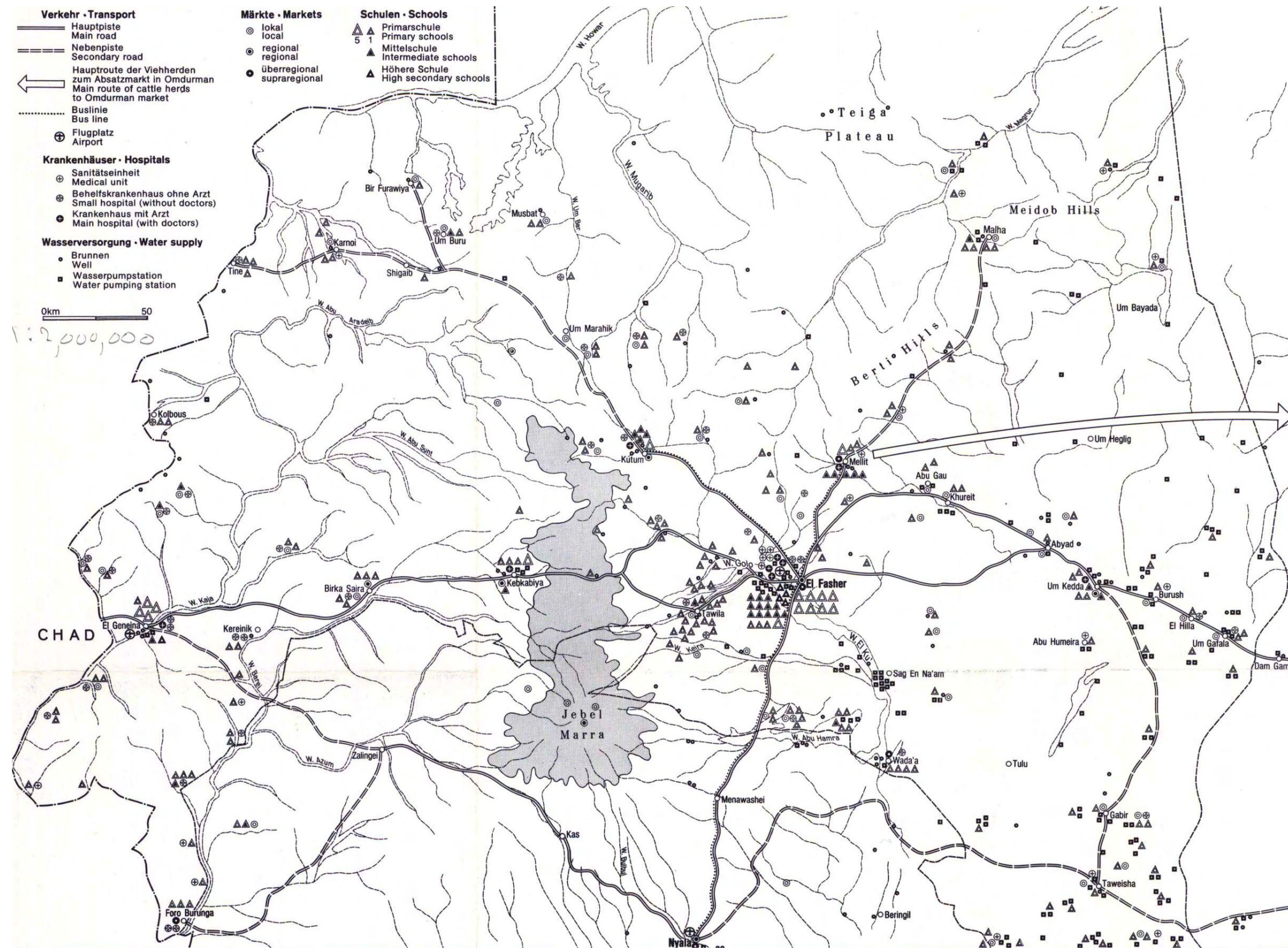
ON GOING CONFLICT BETWEEN THE JANJAWEEED, SUDANESE GOVERNEMENT.

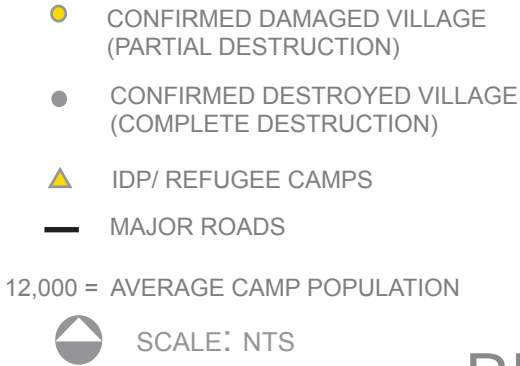
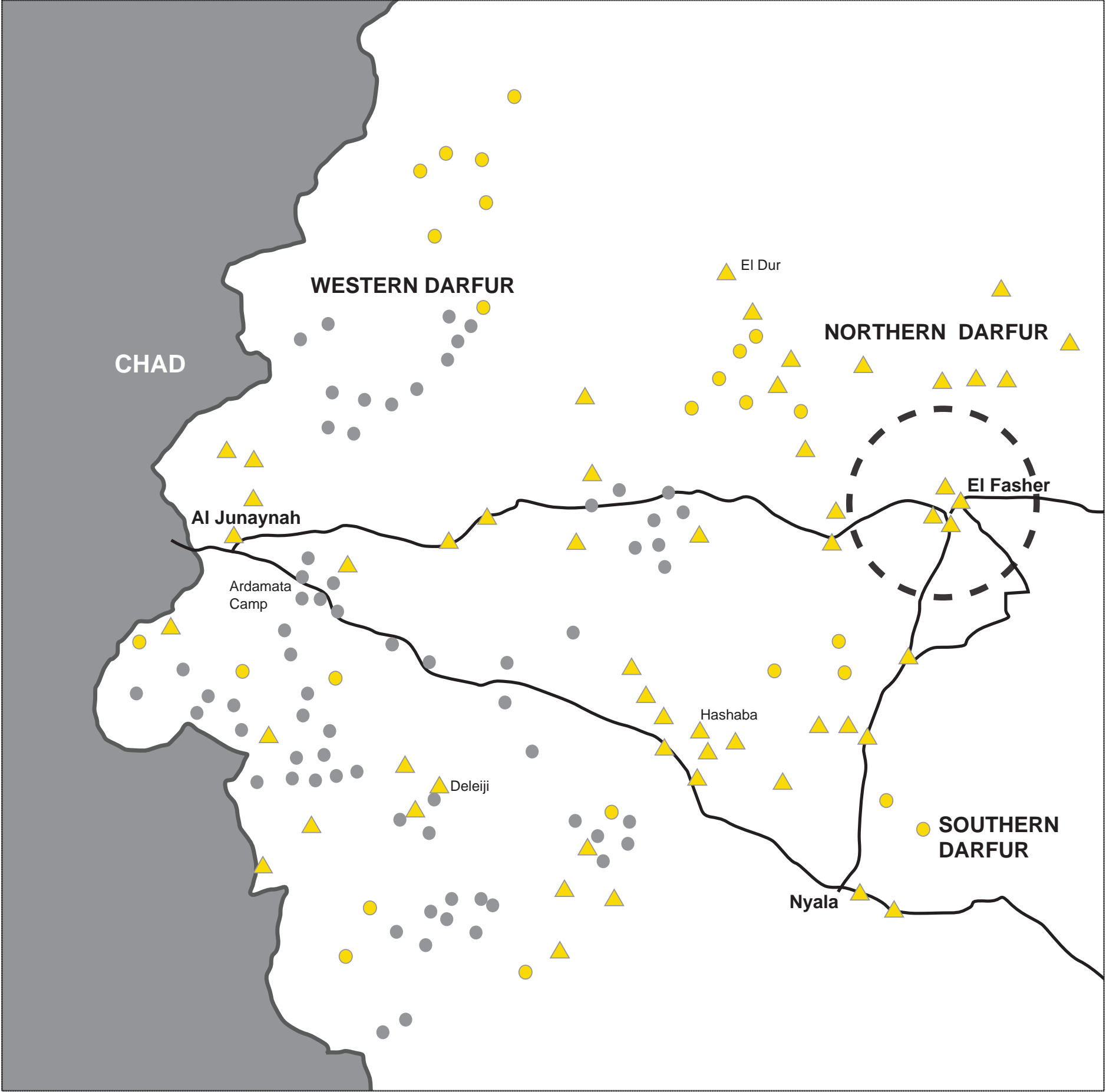
TOO MANY PLAYERS TO DETERMINE MAIN SOURCE.

DUST STORMS AND PERIODIC PERSISTENT DROUGHTS

MAIN IDP (INTERNALLY DISPLACED POPULATION) CAMP AREA:

EL FASHIR, NYALA, EL GENEINA







DOGON VILLAGE, MALI

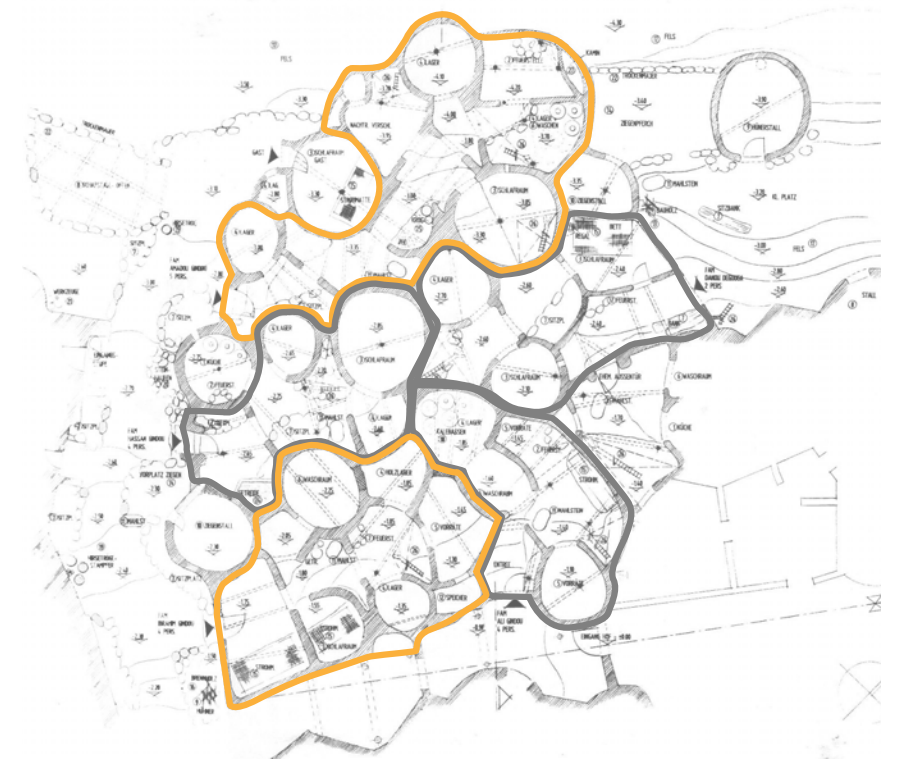
STUDY OF DIFFERENT HOUSING STRATEGIES IN AREAS/ VILLAGES ALONG THE SAME LATITUDE AS DARFUR. FOCUS ON SPATIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND FAMILY AND COMMUNITY GROWTH AS TIME PROGRESSED.



BUFFERS VS. SOCIAL SPACE



DIRECTIONALITY

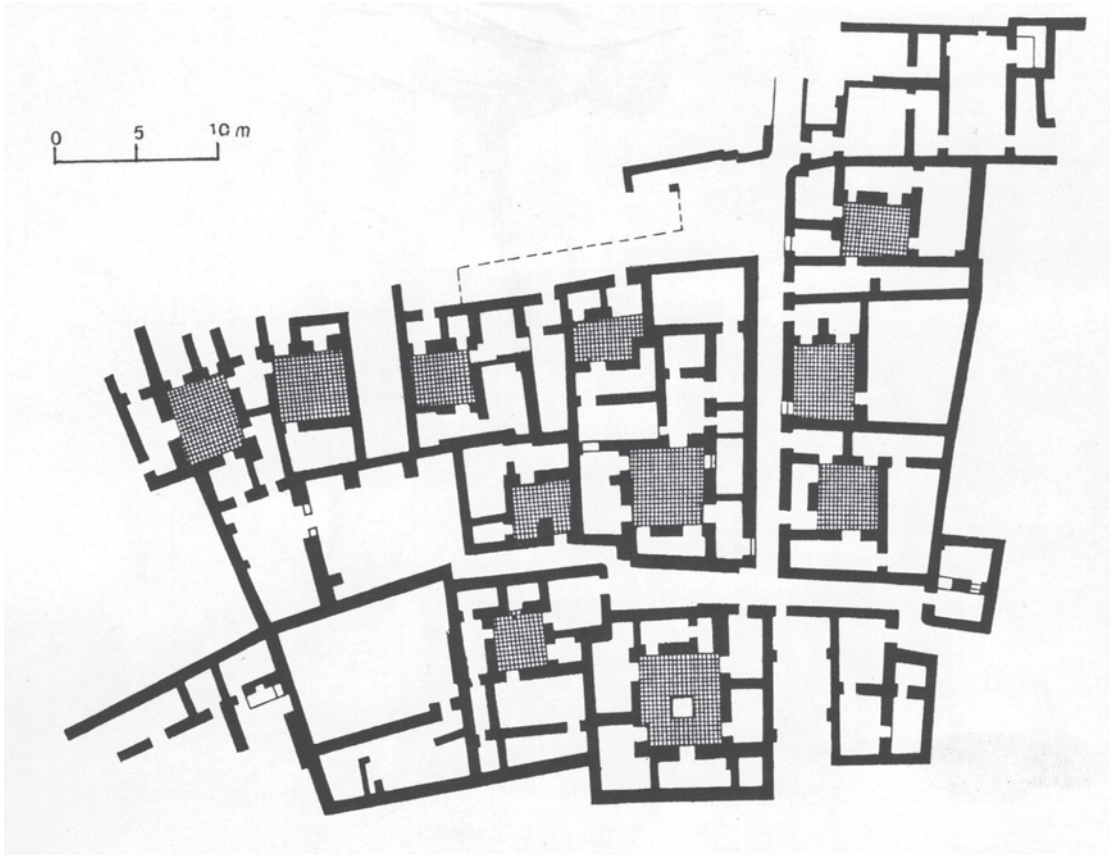


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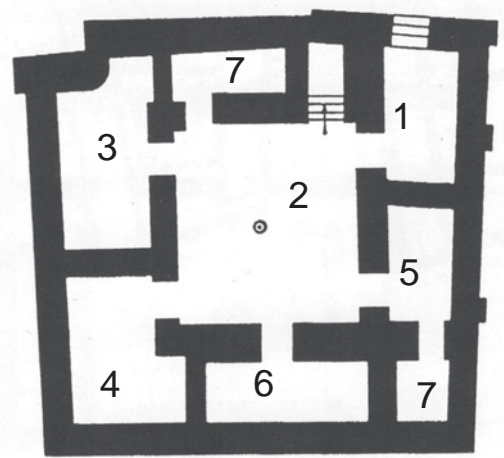


DJENNE, MALI

DJENNÉ IS FAMOUS FOR ITS SUDANESE-STYLE ARCHITECTURE. NEARLY ALL OF THE BUILDINGS IN THE TOWN, INCLUDING THE GREAT MOSQUE, ARE MADE FROM SUN-BAKED MUD BRICKS WHICH ARE COATED WITH MUD PLASTER. USE OF THE CLASSIC ARAB COURTYARD HOUSE AS A COOLING STRATEGY AND DESIGNATION OF SPACES AROUND THE SHARED COURT. ROOMS MAIN ROOMS ARE FLEXIBLE AND HAVE ACTIVITIES THAT ARE RELOCATED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AS APPROPRIATE TO ACCOMMODATE THE CHANGES IN TEMPERATURE AND THE LOCATION OF THE SUN.



COURTYARD HOUSES



- 1. ENTRY
- 2. COURTYARD W/ FOUNTAIN
- 3. LIVING ROOM
- 4. KITCHEN
- 5. BATHROOM
- 6. GUEST
- 7. TOILET

SHATAYA VILLAGE IN SOUTH DARFUR

THE VILLAGE OF SHATAYA WAS UNFORTUNATELY DESTROYED BUT IT REFLECTED LAYOUT OF A TYPICAL VILLAGE IN DARFUR. THE RADIAL ARRANGEMENT OF HOUSING AROUND A CENTRAL COURT AREA USUALLY FOR LIVESTOCK STORAGE OF FARMING. STREETS WERE BASED ON A GRID LAYOUT WITH THE AXIS DIVINDING BETWEEN EACH COMPOUND CLUSTER.



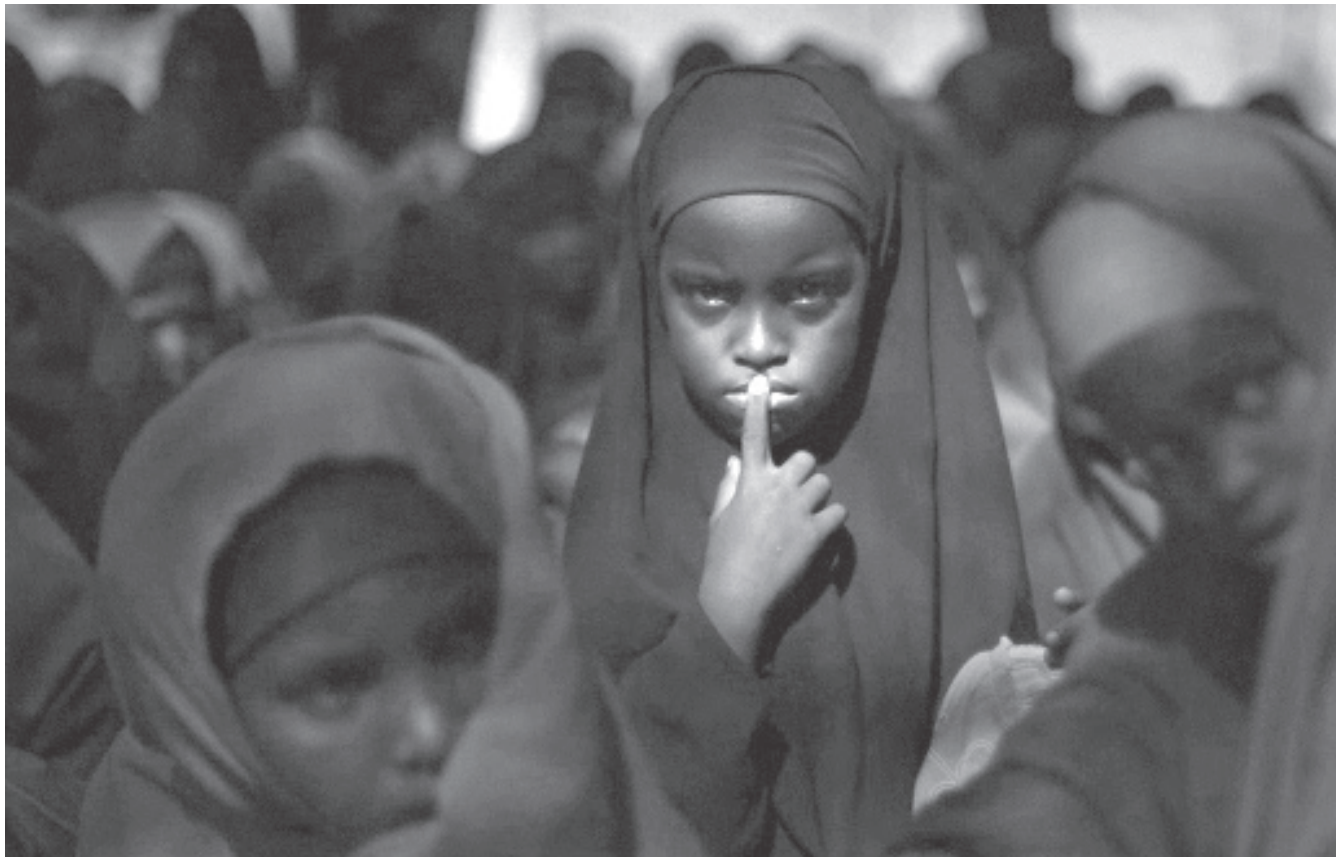
VILLAGE COMPOSITION



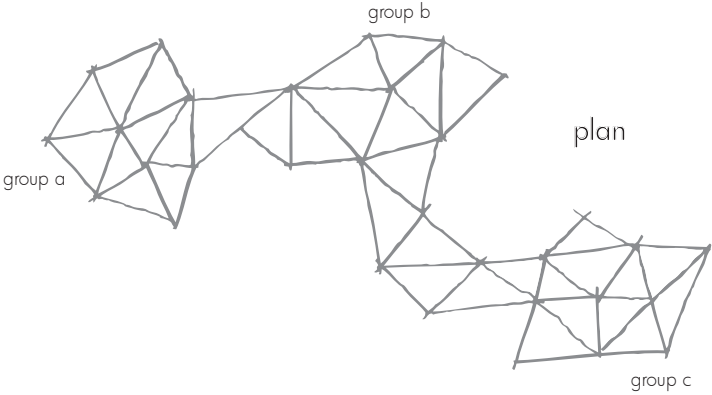
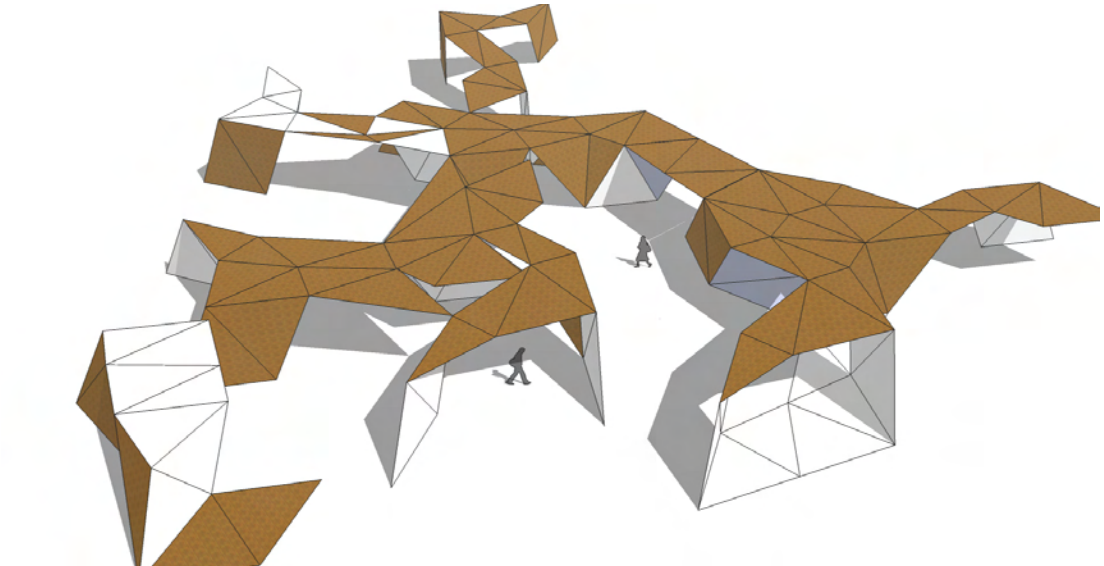
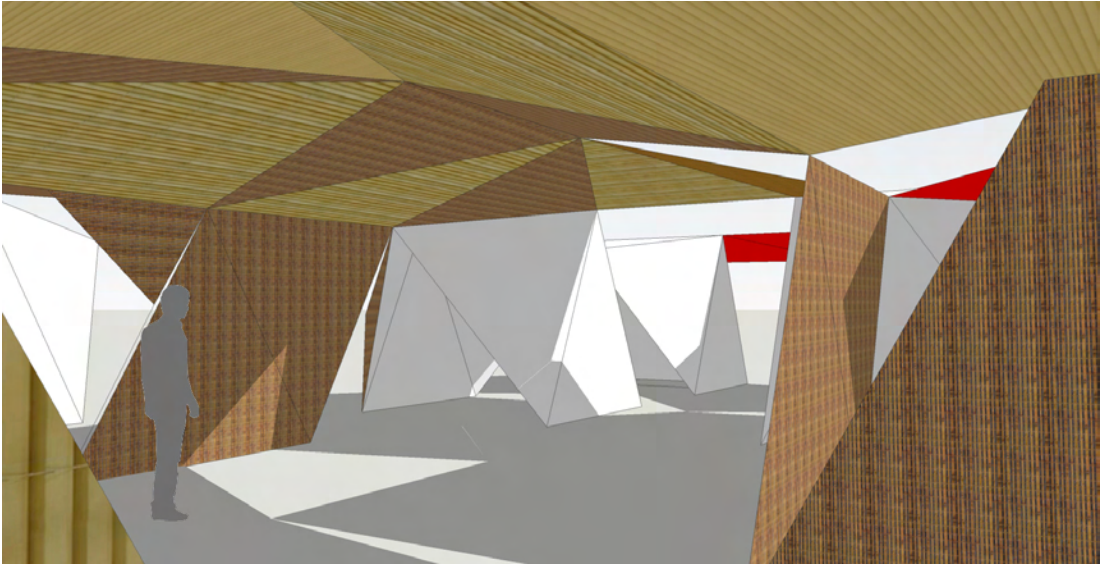
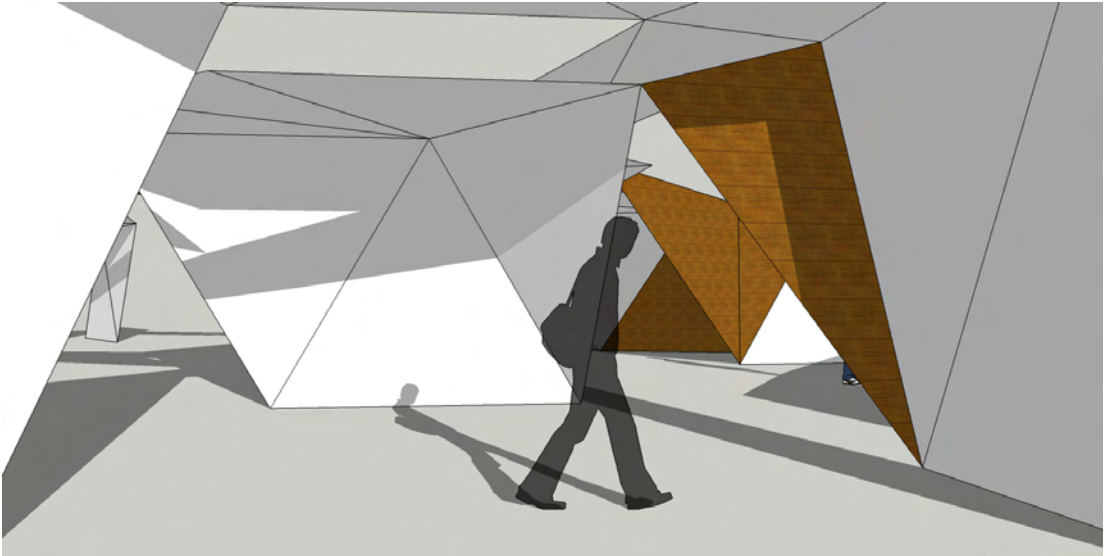
ROADS/ACCESS

70% to 80% of all IDPs (internally displaced persons) are women and children. more than half of all IDPs live in Africa...

Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre, Norwegian Refugee Council

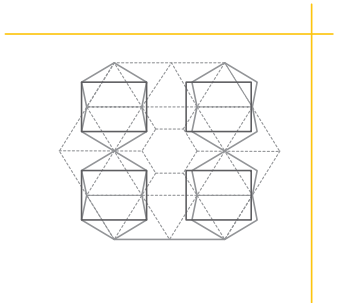
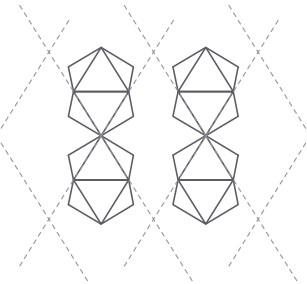
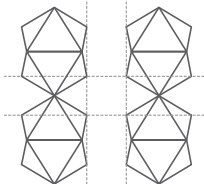
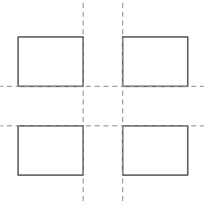
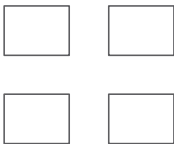
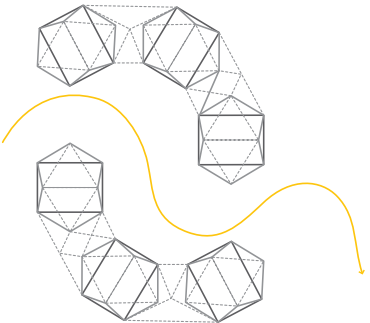
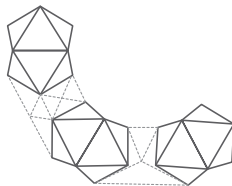
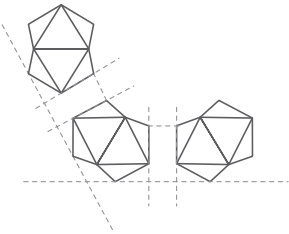
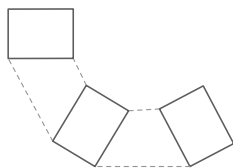
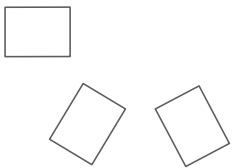
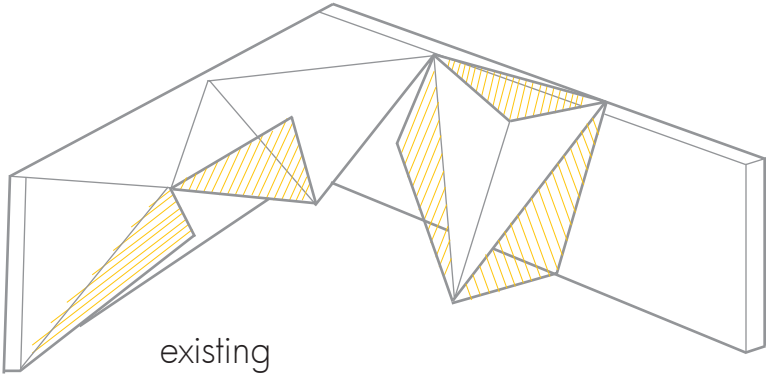
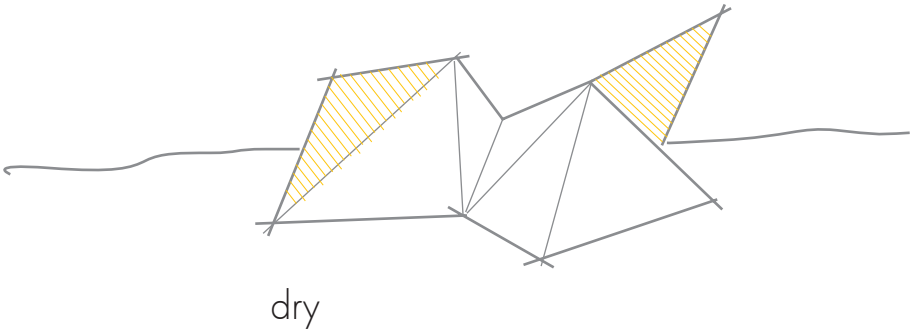


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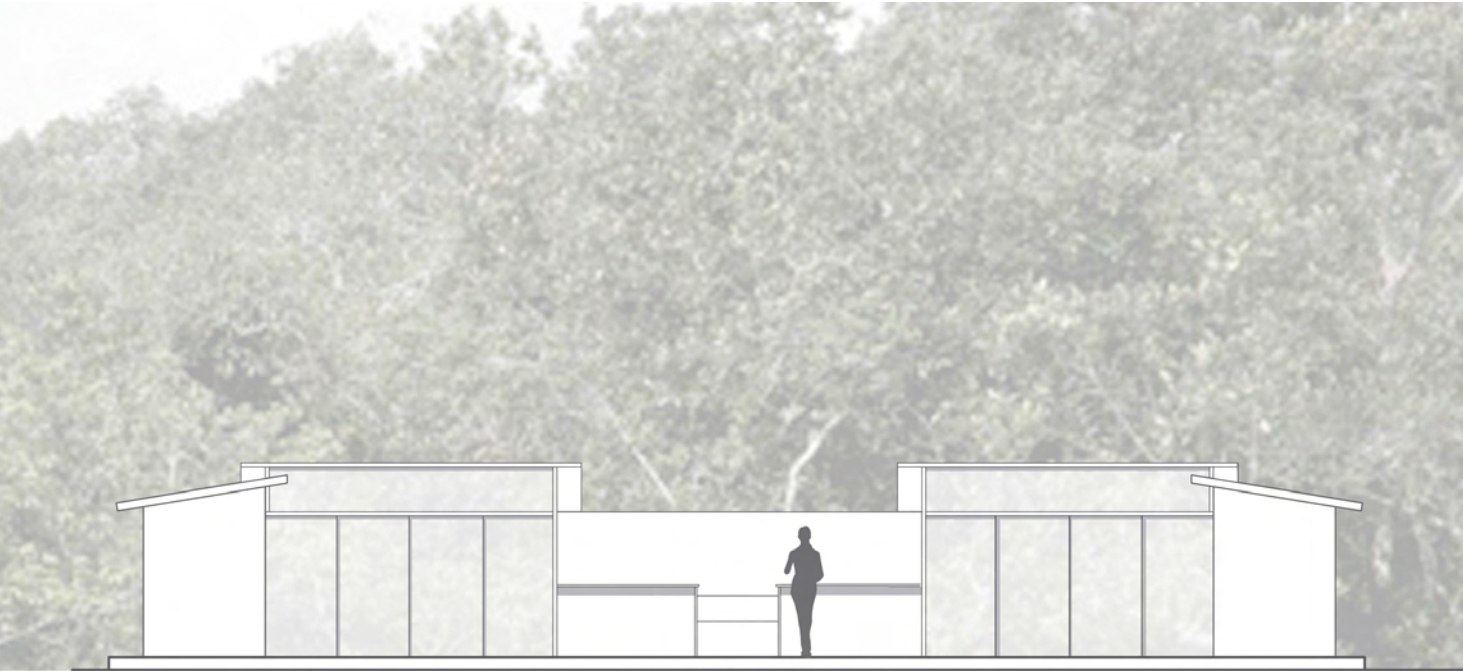
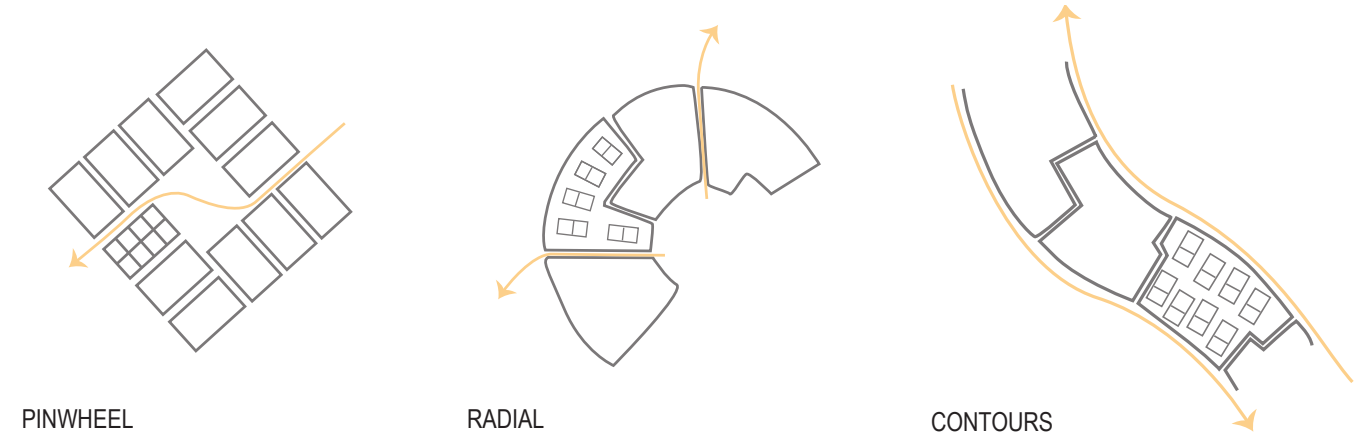


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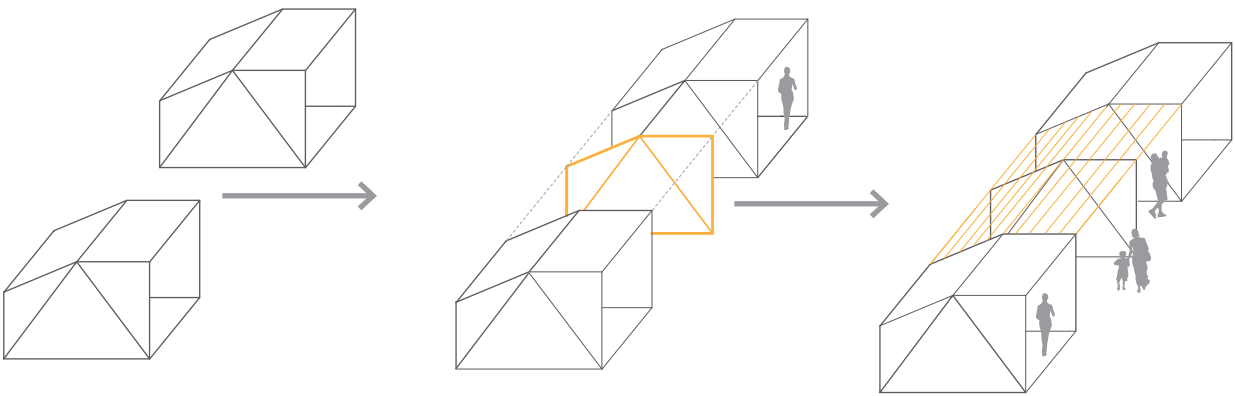
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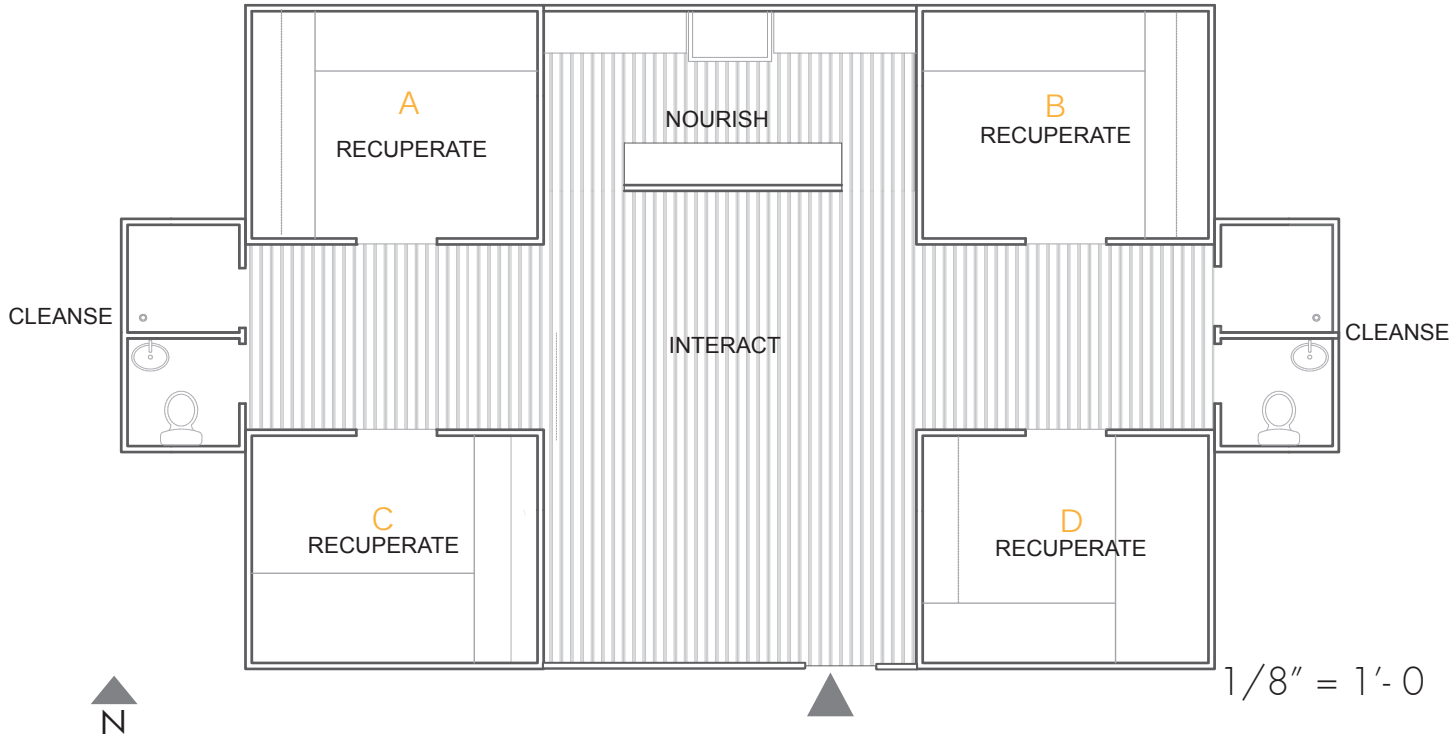
PLANNING STRATEGIES



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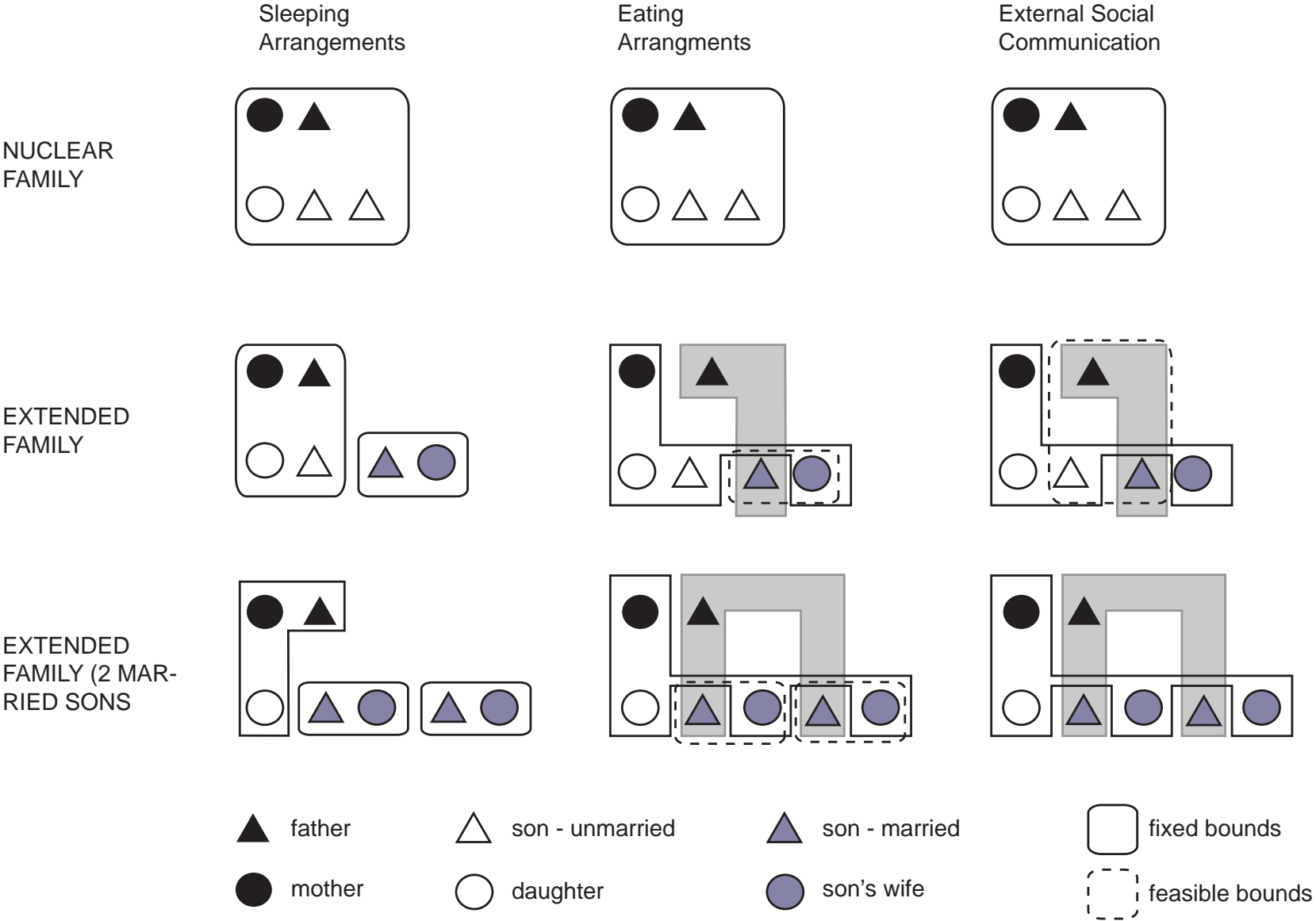


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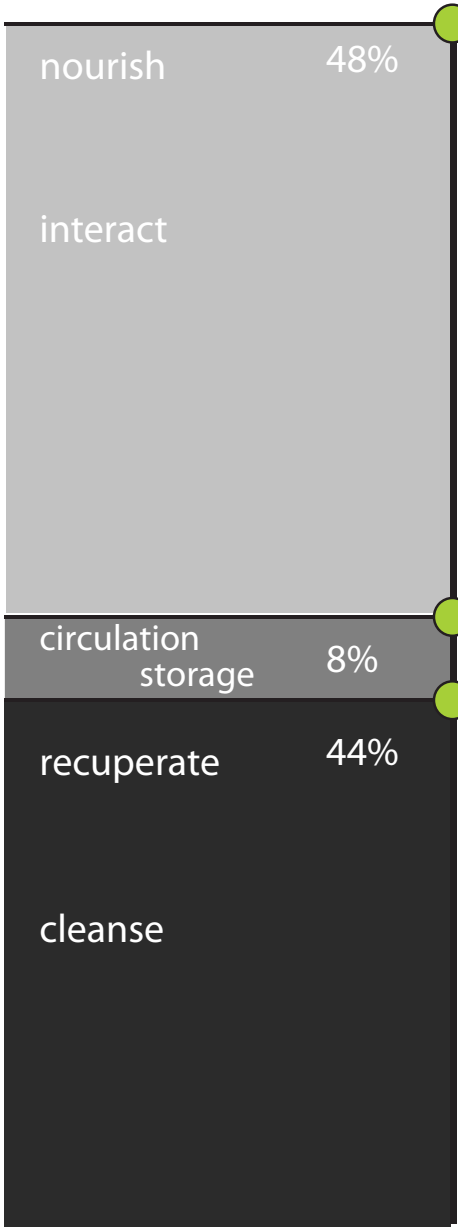
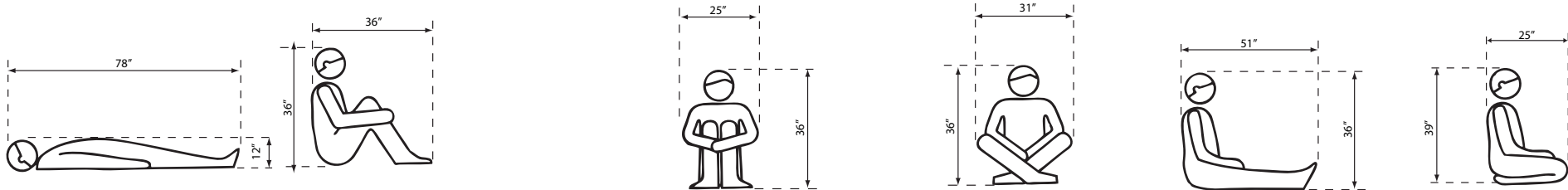


DESIGN PROCESS

FAMILY KINSHIP RELATIONSHIPS
Typical Islamic Patrilineal Model



DARFUR POPULATION IS COMPOSED OF MORE THAN **75%** MUSLIMS. IN ORDER TO RESPECT AND ADAPT DESIGN TO RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND, A STUDY OF SPATIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND FAMILY INTERACTION IN A TYPICAL ISLAMIC HOUSHOLD WAS CRUCIAL.



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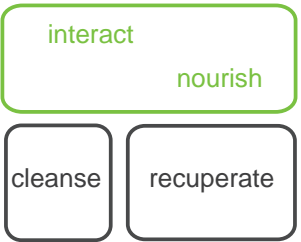
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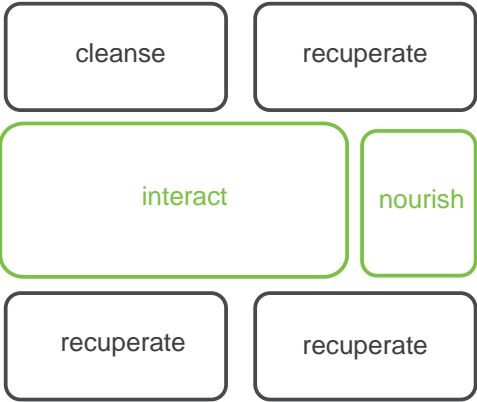
Space	# of Spaces	Privacy	Daylight	Adjacencies	Net Sq Ft	TL Sq Ft	Notes
Individual Pods							
1. Recuperate	1	H	H	2	100	100	all spaces are shared
2. Nourish	1	L	M	1, 4	80	50	
3. Interact	1	L	H	1, 4	80	50	
4. Cleanse	1	H	L	Detached	Fluctuates		
					Total Sq Ft	200	
Intermediate Pods							
1. Recuperate	1	H	H	2	100	150	spaces 2 & 3 are shared flexible spaces
2. Nourish	1	L	M	2, 3	100	100	
3. Interact	1	L	H	2, 3	100	100	
4. Cleanse	1	H	L	Detached	50	50	
					Total Sq Ft	400	
Group/Family Pods							
1. Recuperate	2	H	H	2	100	200	spaces 2,3,& 4 are shared flexible spaces
2. Store	1	H	L	1, 3, 4, 5	50	50	
3. Nourish	1	L	M	2, 5	100	100	
4. Interact	2	L	H	1, 2, 3, 4	100	200	attached/detached
5. Cleanse	1	H	L	4	75	75	
					Total Sq ft	625	



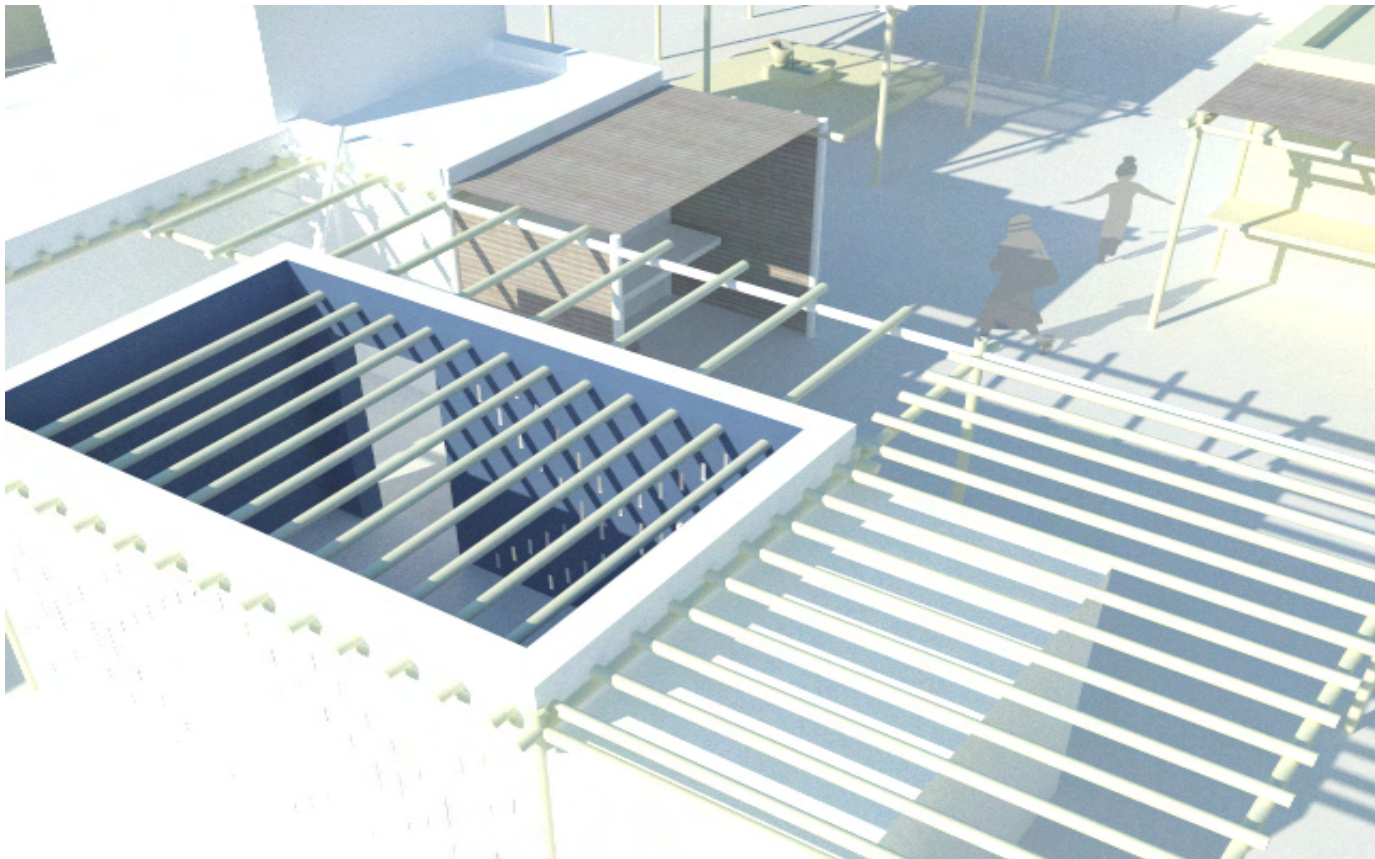
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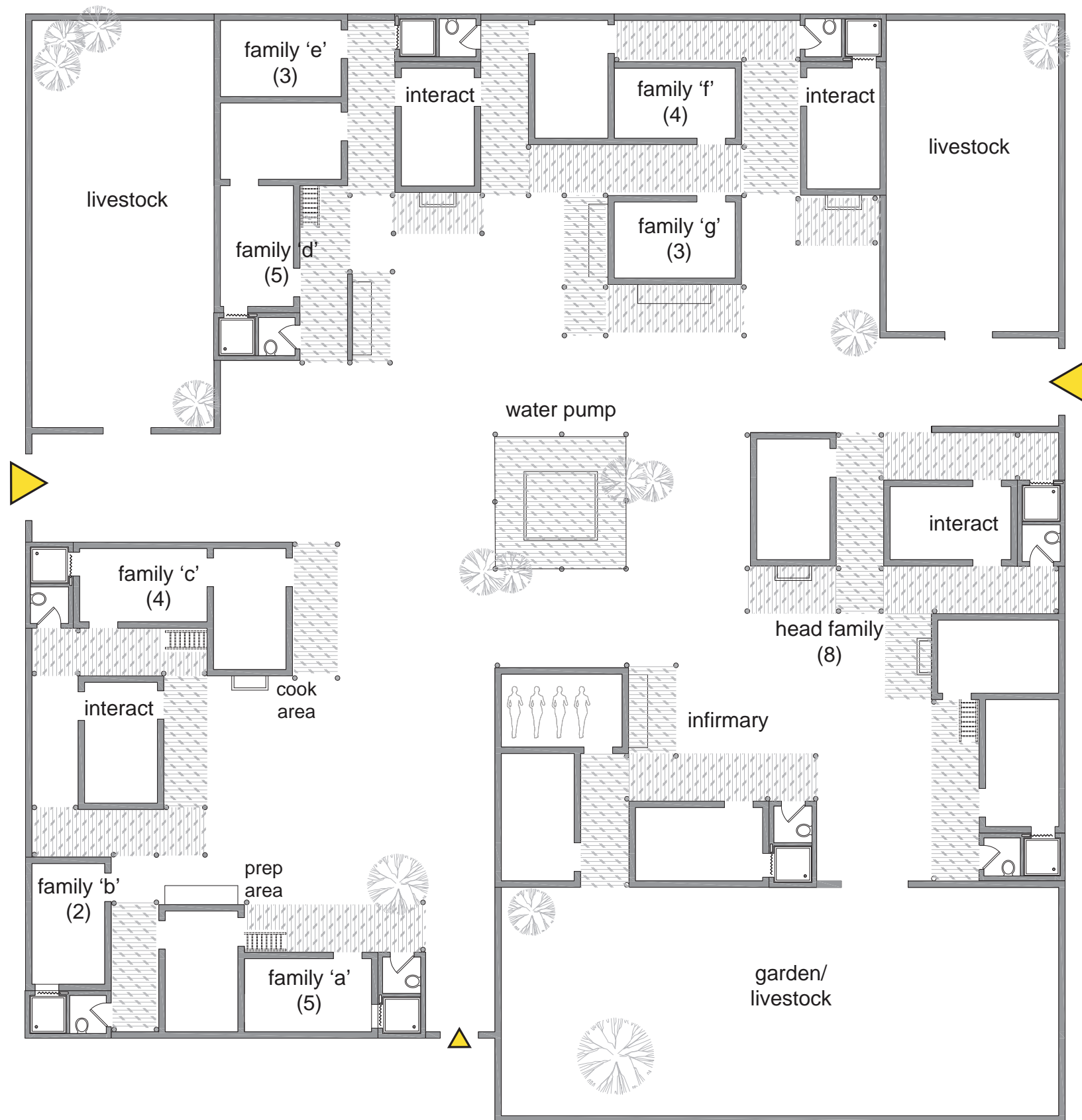
INTERMEDIATE /FAMILY
MODULE



GROUP/ COMMUNITY MODULE



FINAL DESIGN



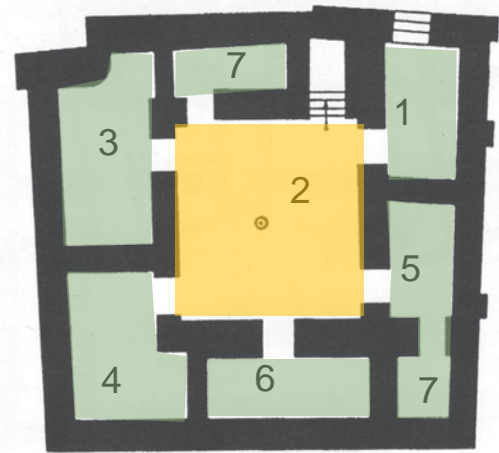
1/16" = 1'-0"

LOCATION: EL FASHER, NORTH DARFUR PROVINCE
CLIENT: DISPLACED POPULATIONS IN DARFUR
MATERIALS:
WOVEN GRASS MATS (SHADING)
BAMBOO (FRAMES)
RUBBER TIRES (BINDING)
EARTH BRICKS (STRUCTURE)
POPULATION: 30-50 PER COMMUNITY CLUSTER
AREA (PER MODULE): 140 SQ.FT
AREA (EACH COMMUNITY CLUSTER) : APPROX. 13,000 SQ.FT



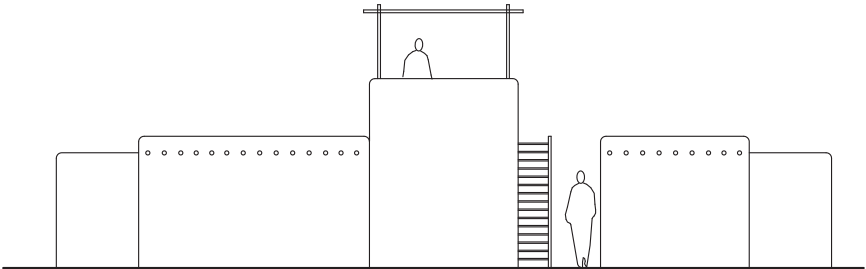
CLUSTER LAYOUT

COURTYARD HOUSES



- 1. ENTRY
- 2. COURTYARD W/ FOUNTAIN
- 3. LIVING ROOM
- 4. KITCHEN
- 5. BATHROOM
- 6. GUEST
- 7. TOILET

DESIGN PARTI BASED ON THE COURTYARD HOUSE SYSTEM WITH A PUBLIC SPACE IN THE CENTER AND FAMILY MODULES OR “ROOMS” RADIATING AROUND THIS SPACE.



HIERARCHY/ STATUS

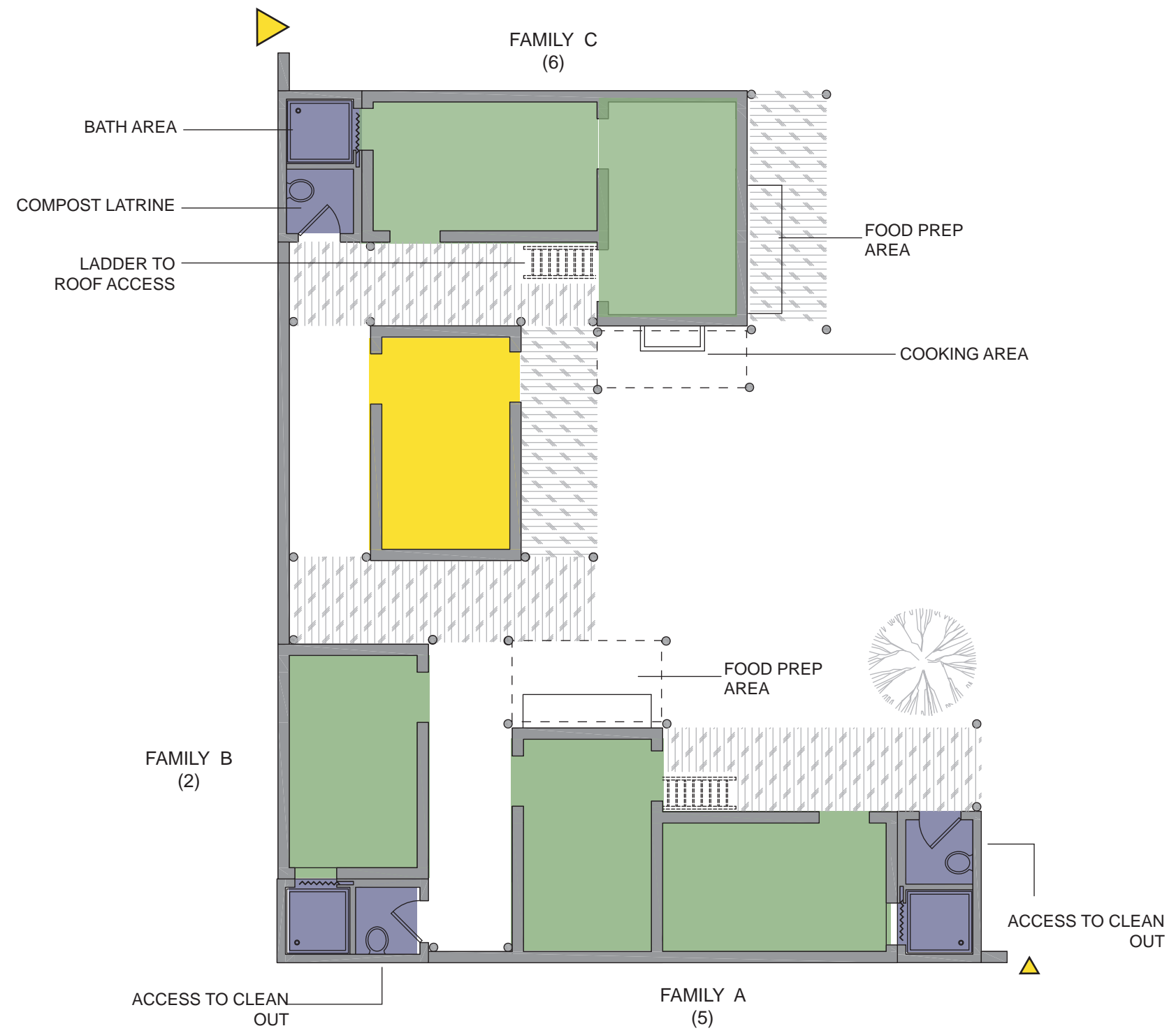
CLUSTER LAYOUT



1/16" = 1'-0"



- CLEANSE
- TRANSITIONAL/
SERVICE
- RECUPERATE
- INTERACT



1/8" = 1'-0"

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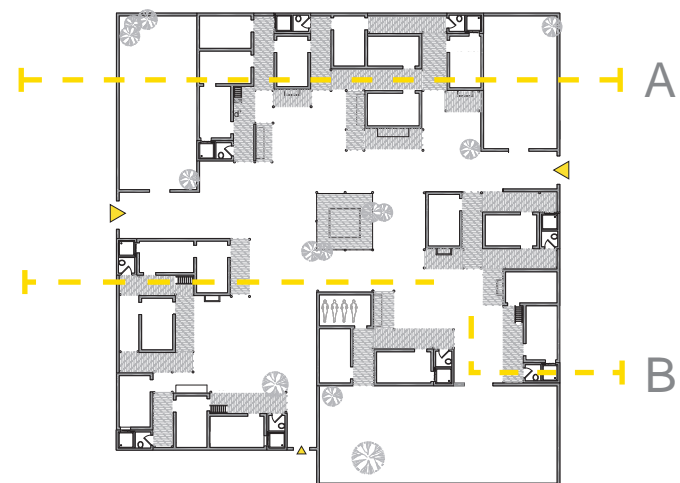


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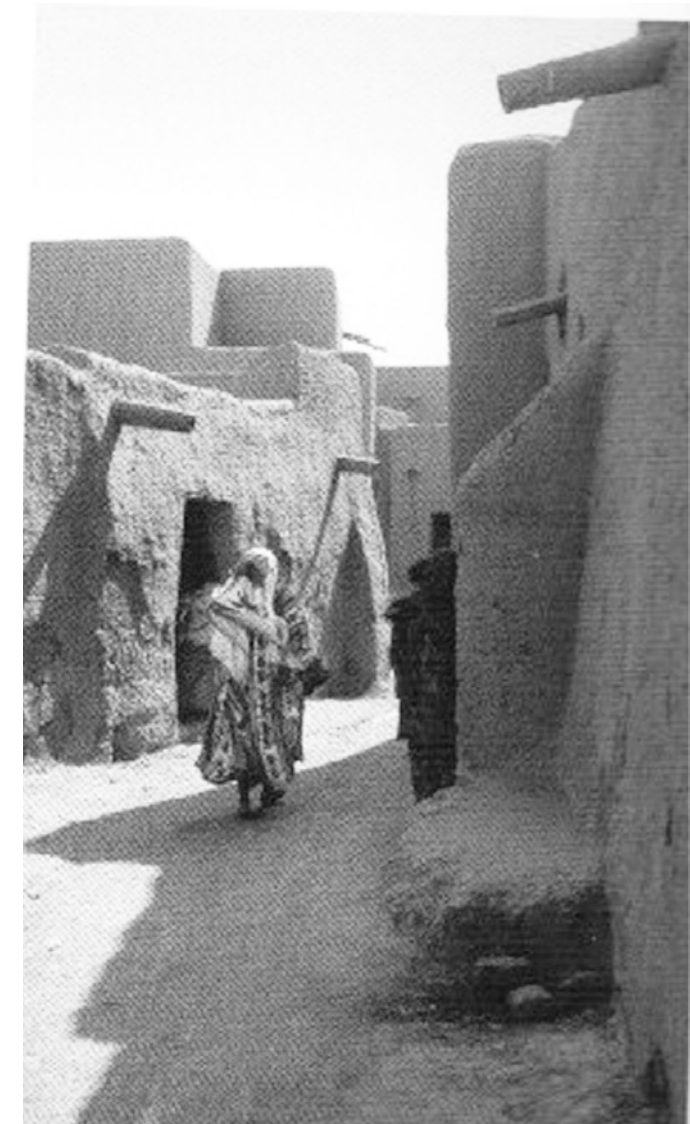
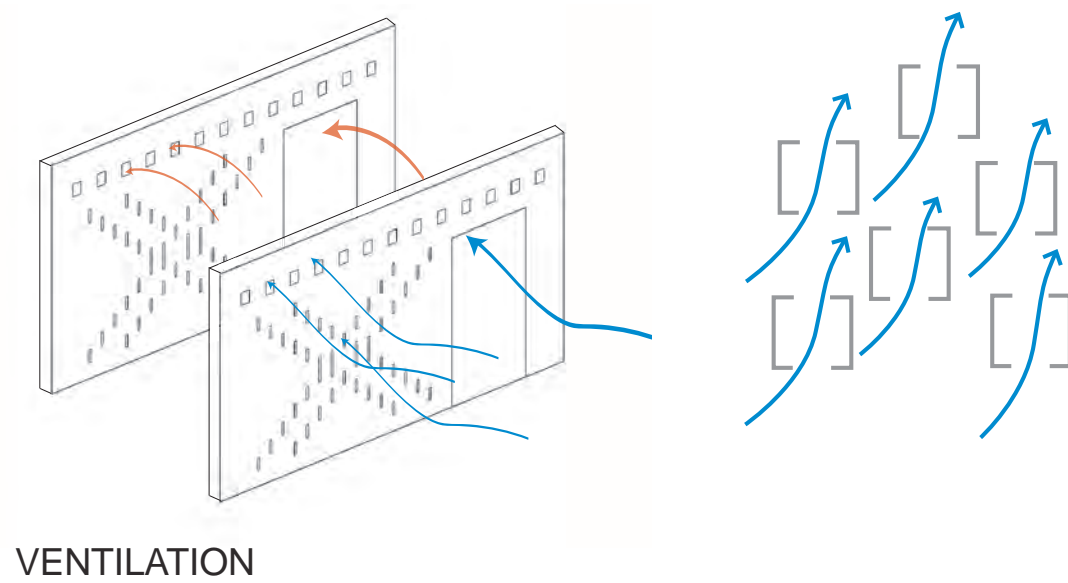
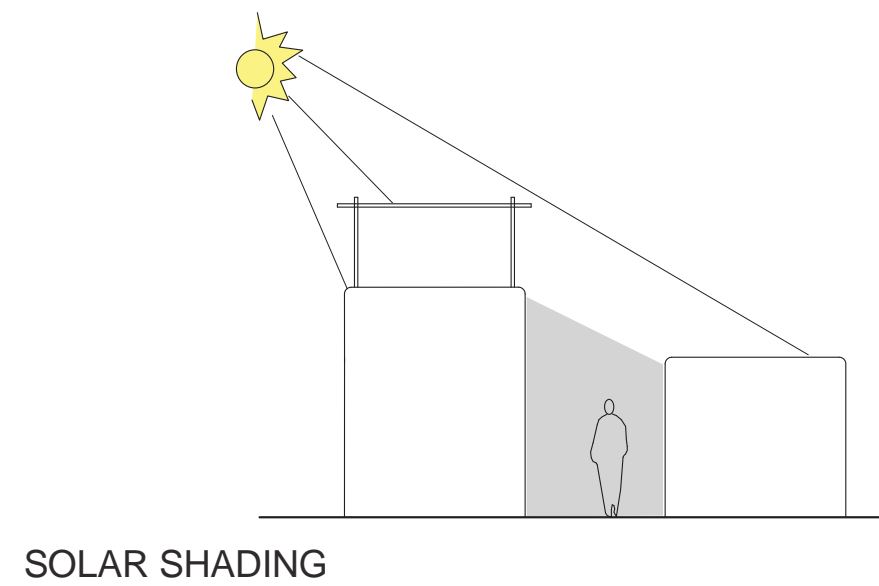
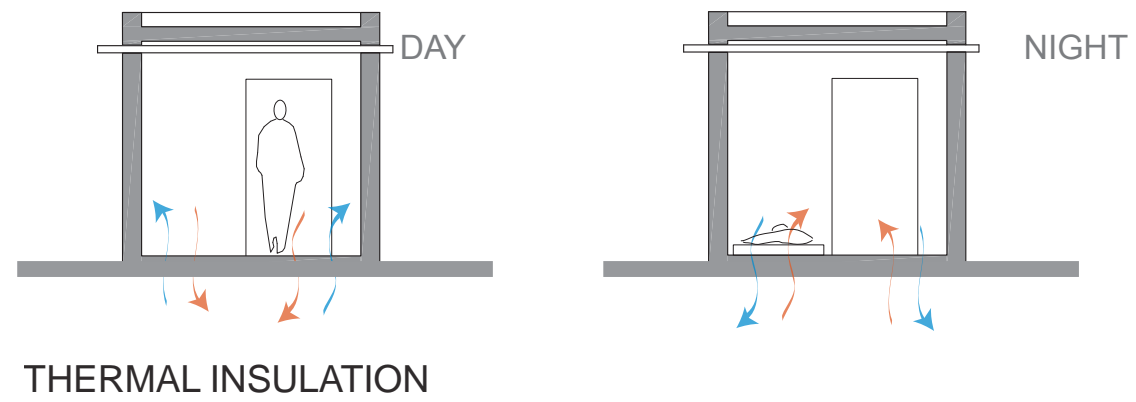
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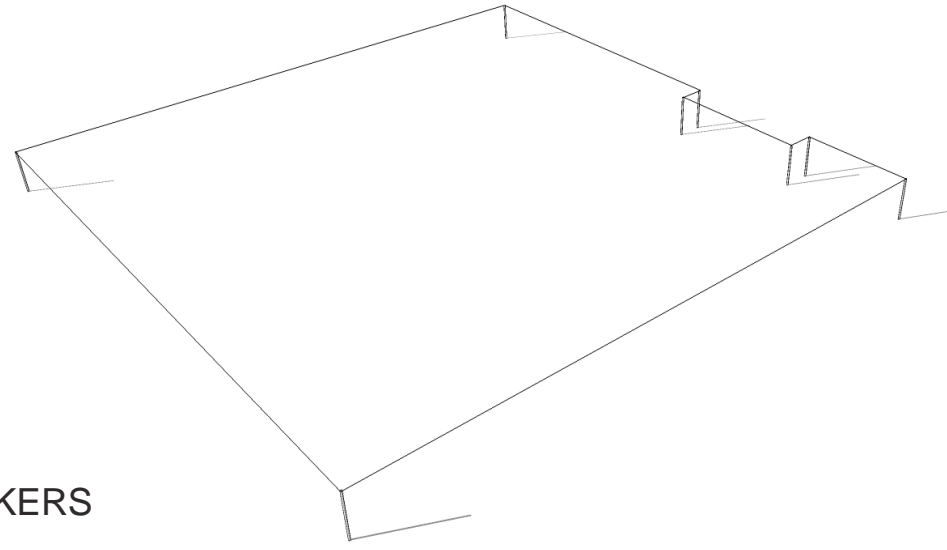


1/8" = 1'-0"

SITE SECTIONS

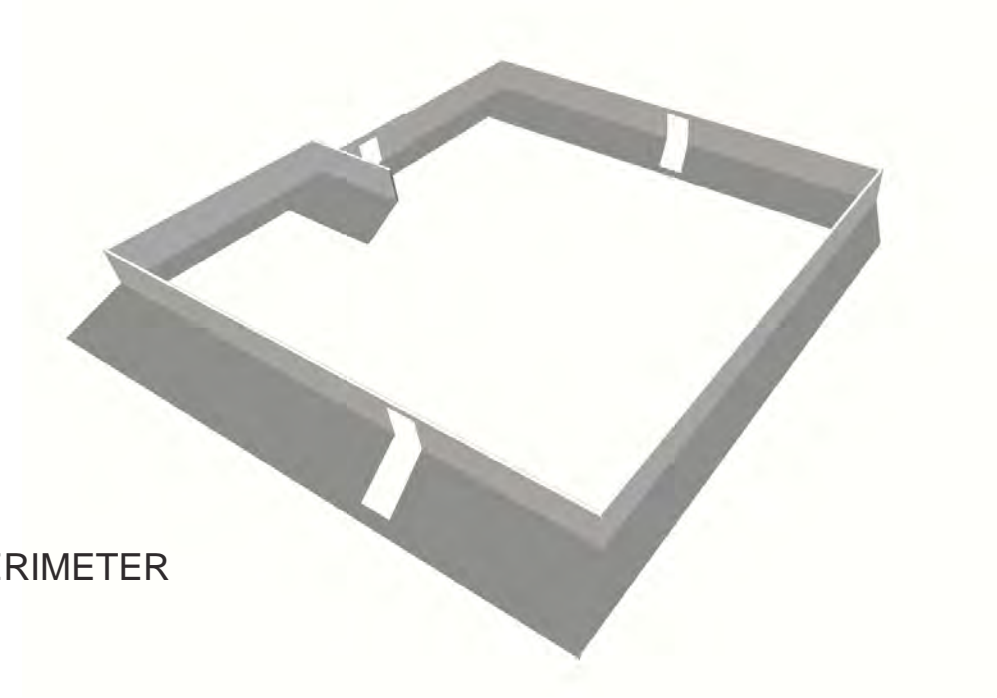


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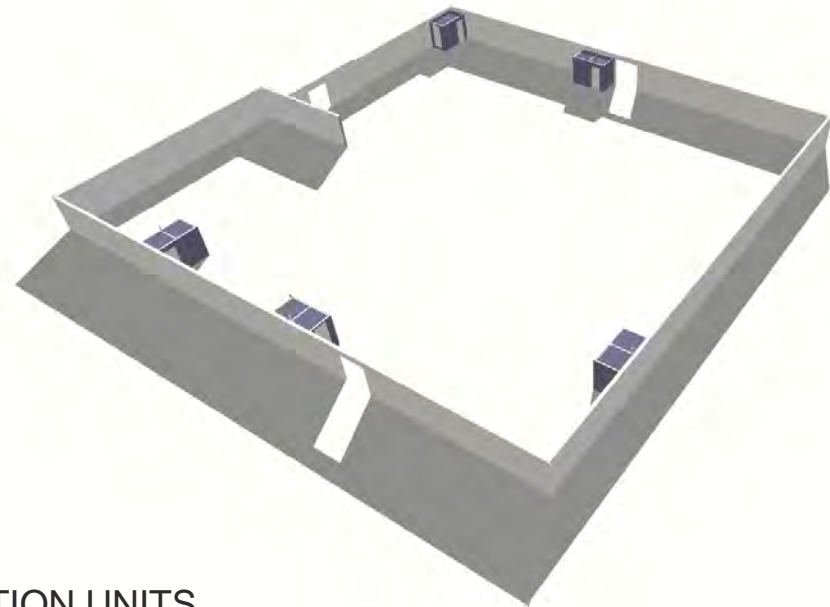
SITE MARKERS

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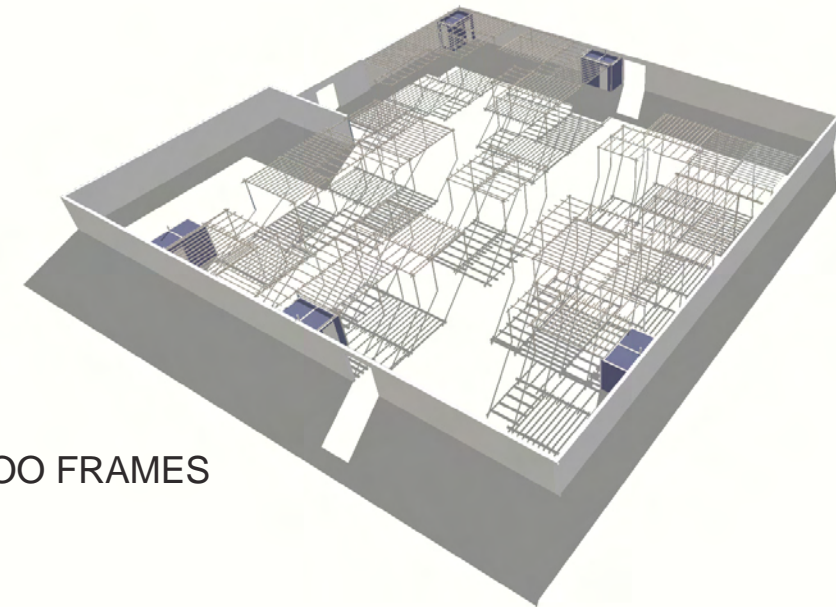
WALL PERIMETER

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SANITATION UNITS

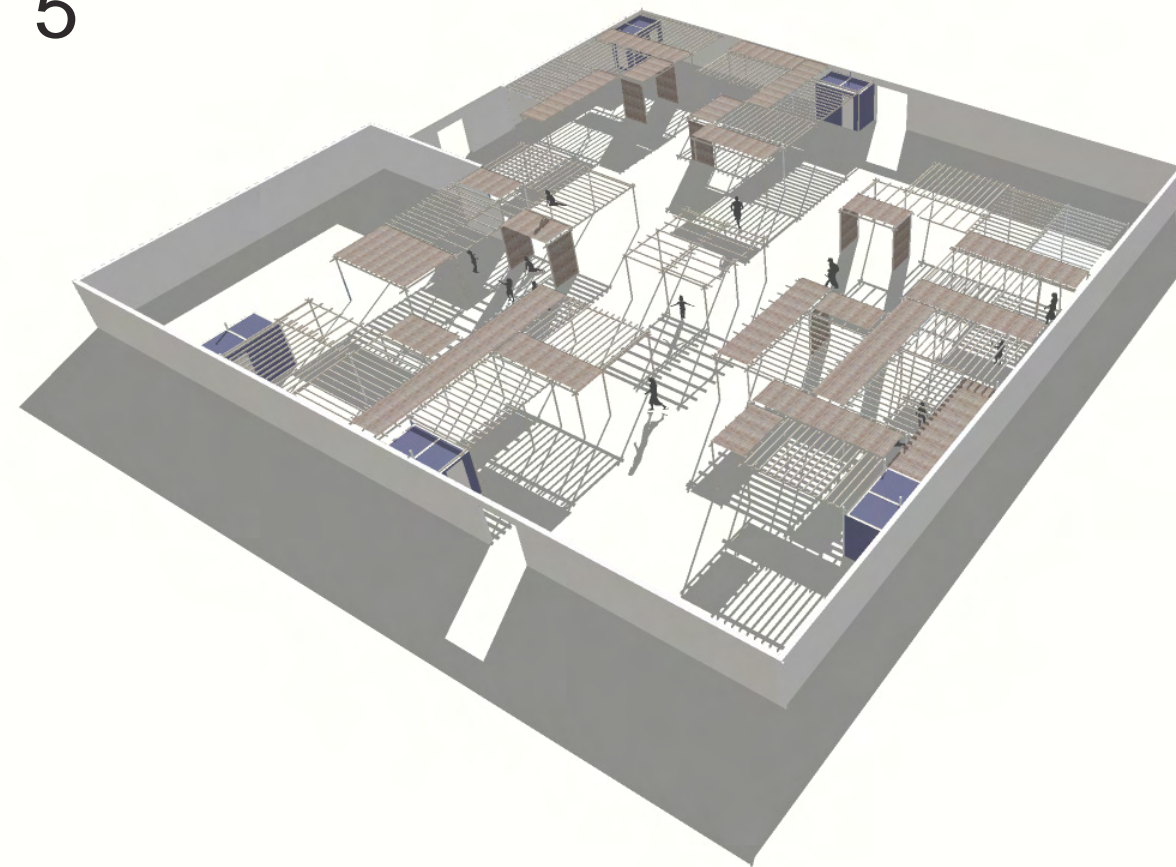
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BAMBOO FRAMES

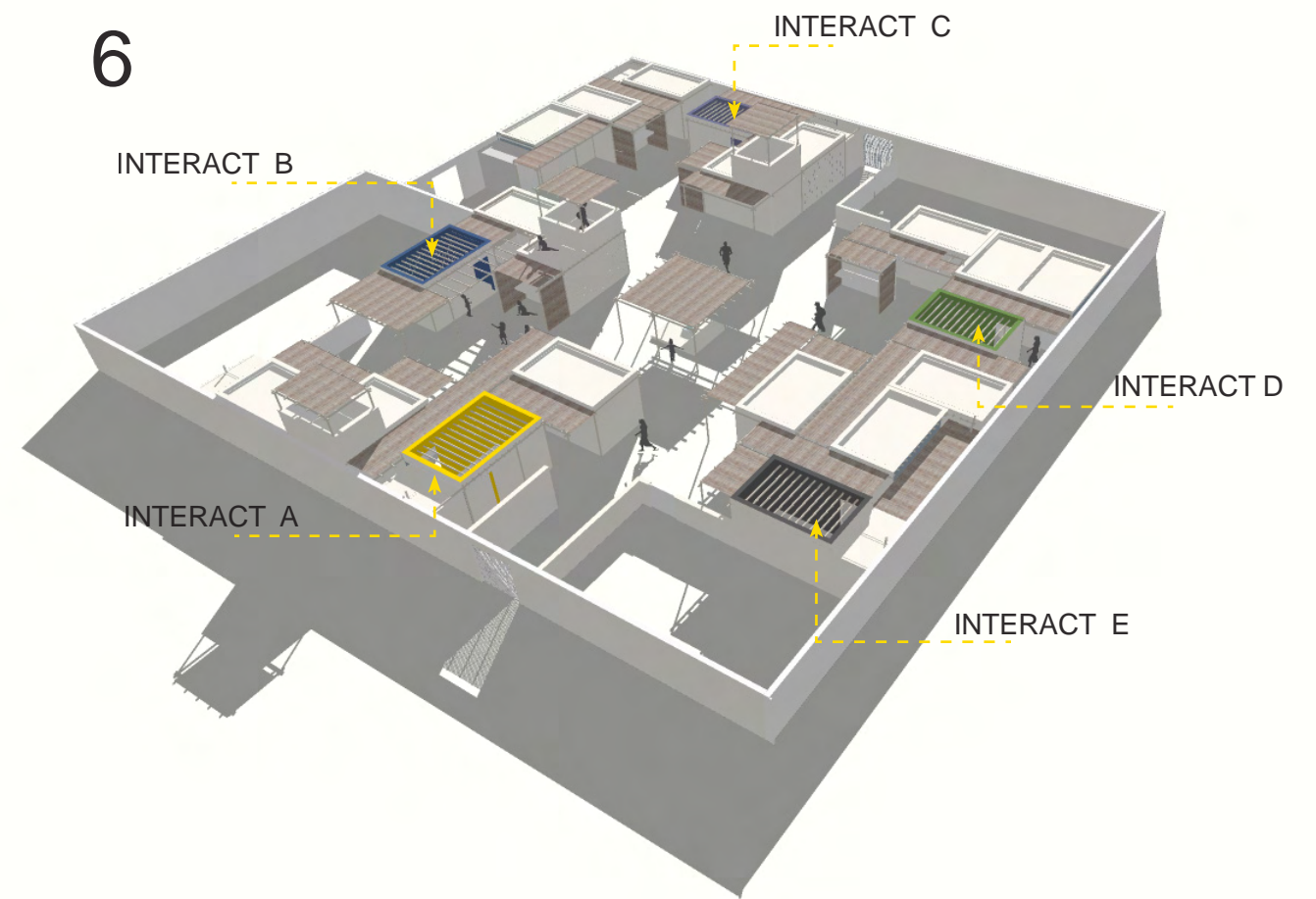
BUILDING PHASES

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MATS AND SHADING

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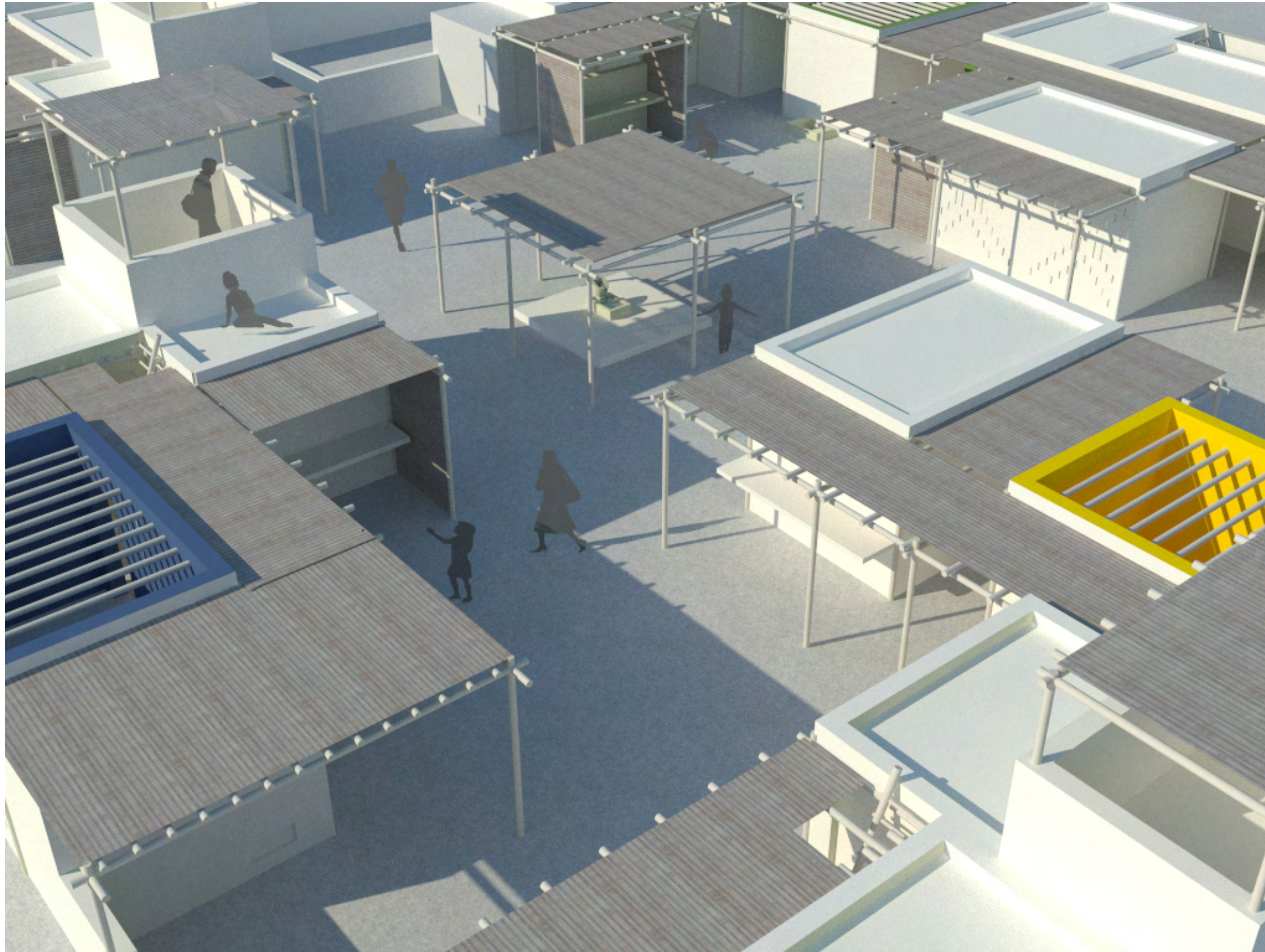


BRICK CONSTRUCTION



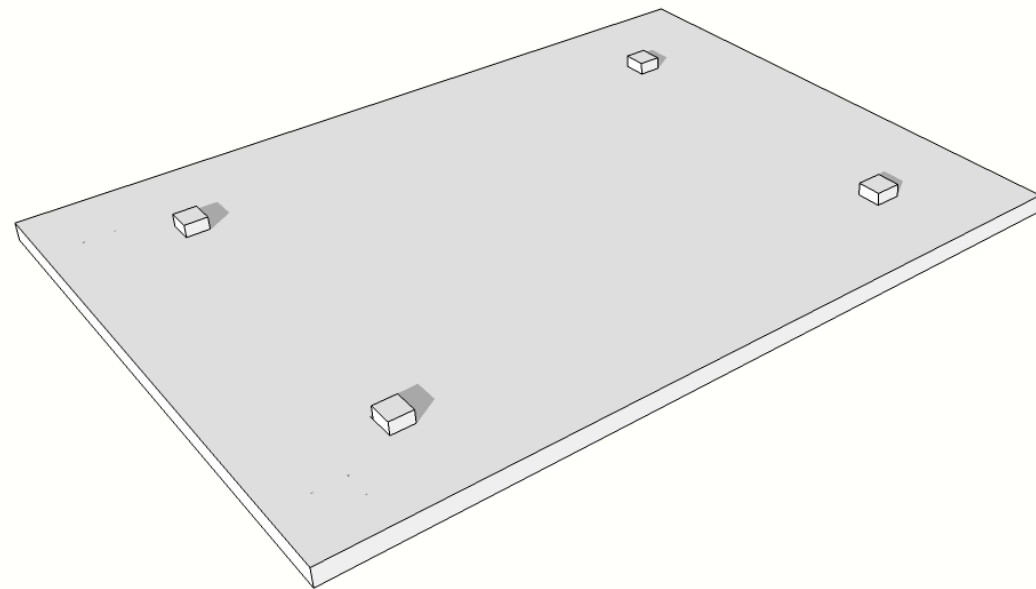
COMPLETED VILLAGE LAYOUT

BUILDING PHASES

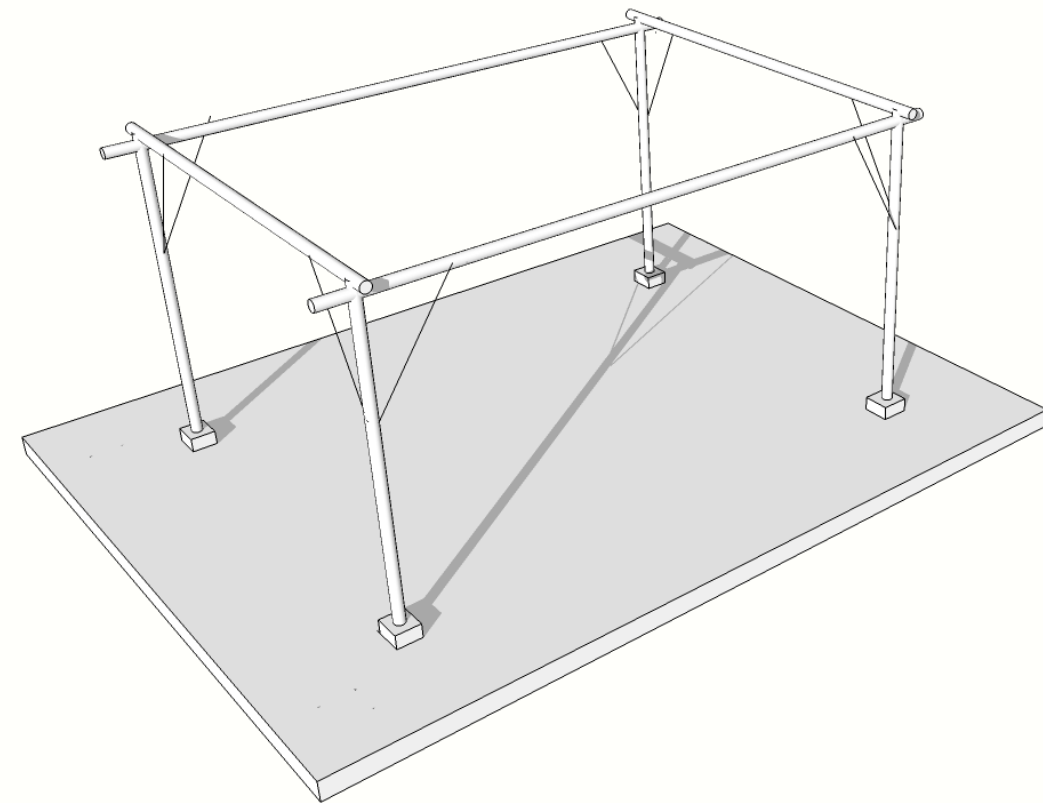


AERIAL VIEW OF
COMMUNITY COMPOUND

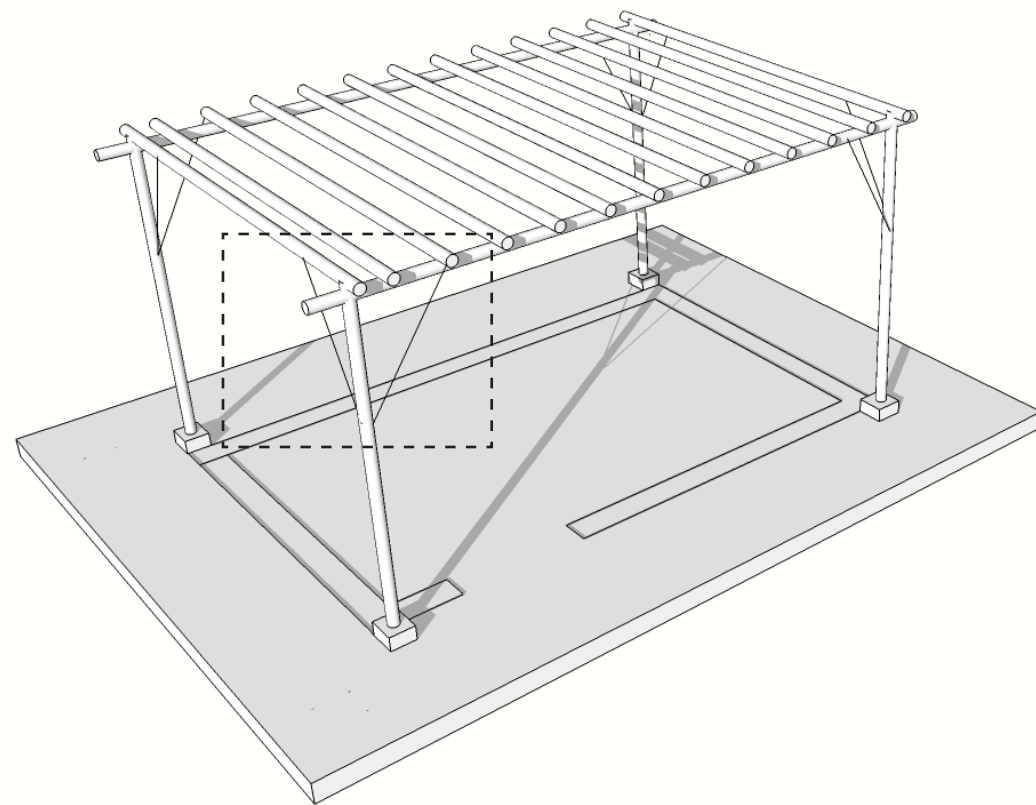
1 SITE MARKERS



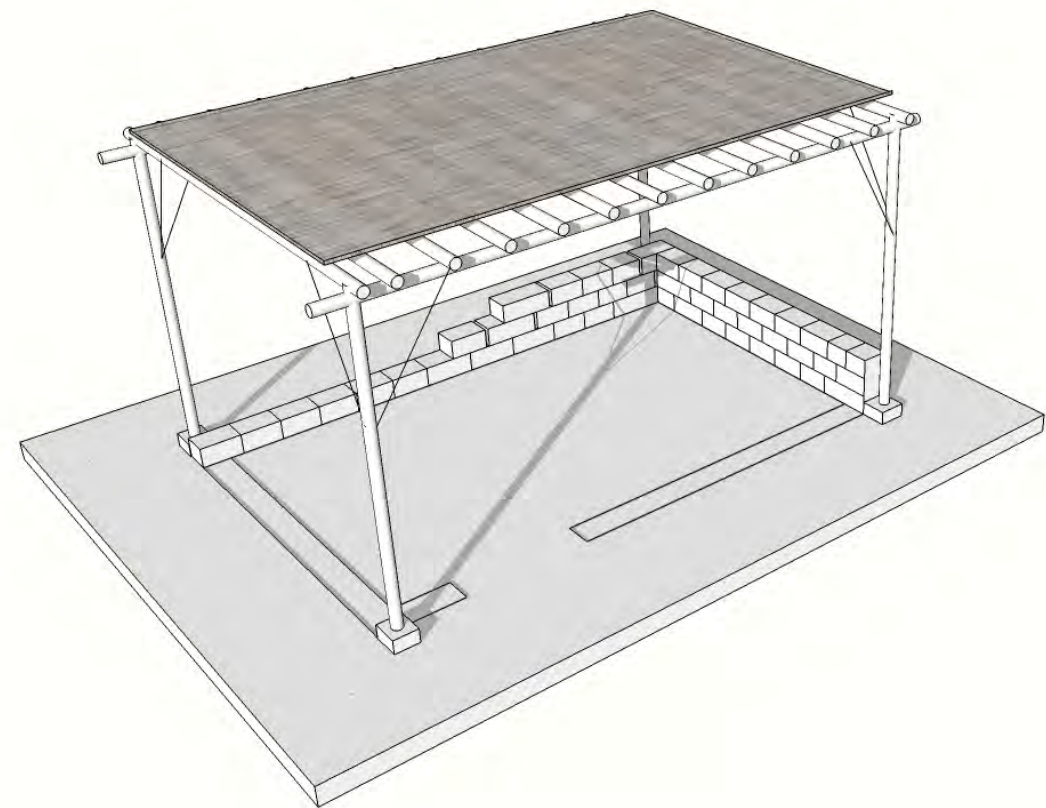
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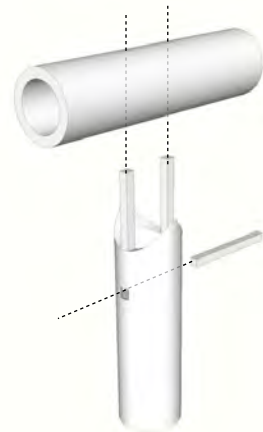
2 BAMBOO FRAME AND RAFTERS



3 WOVEN MATS + BRICK LAYING



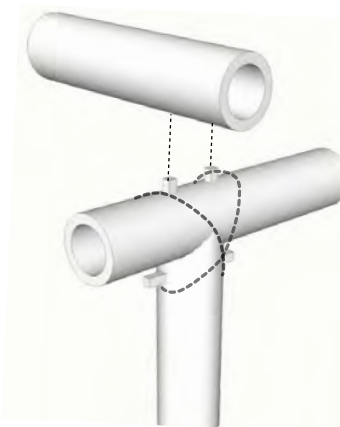
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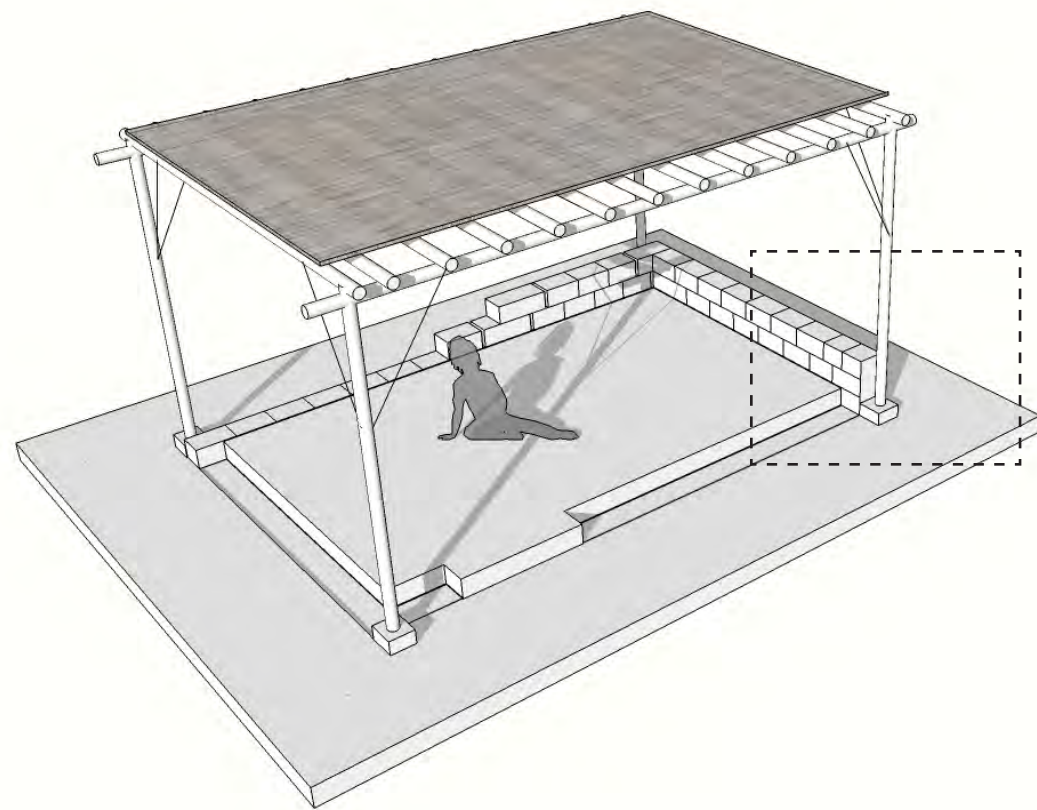


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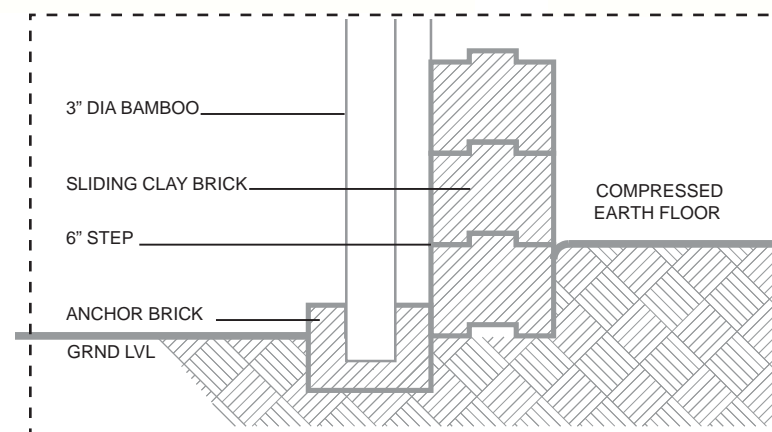
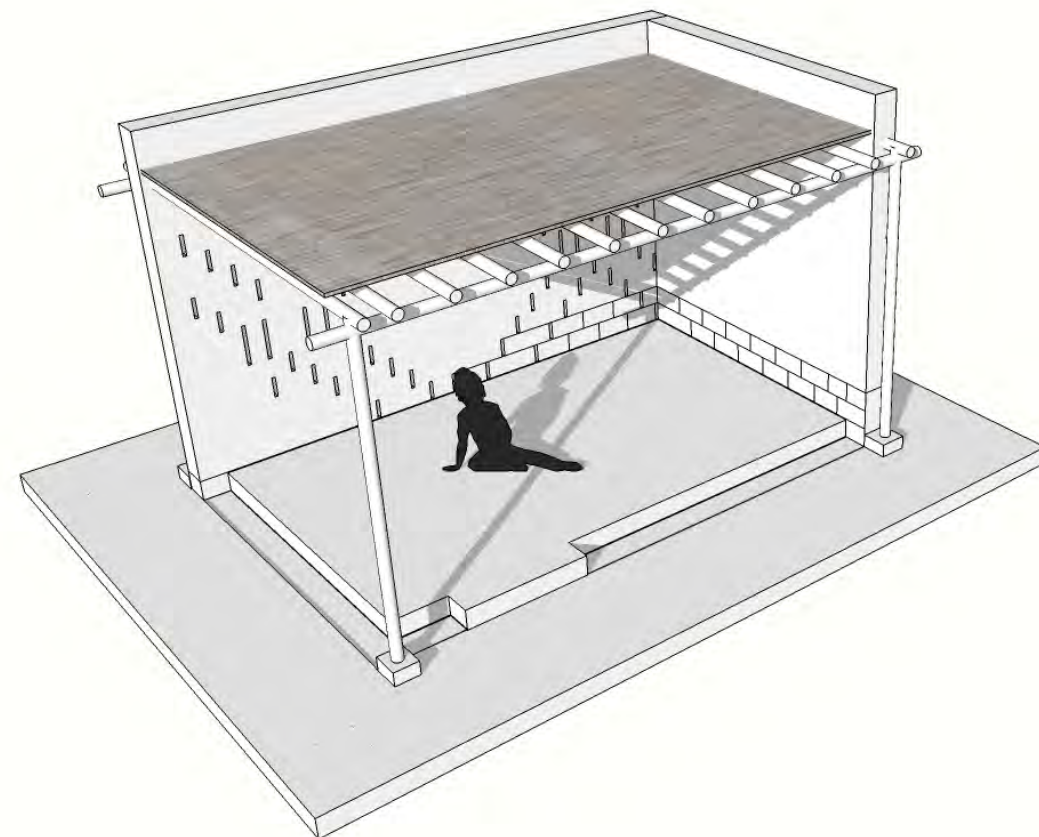
MODULE COMPONENTS

4 WOVEN MATS + BRICK LAYING + EARTH BASE



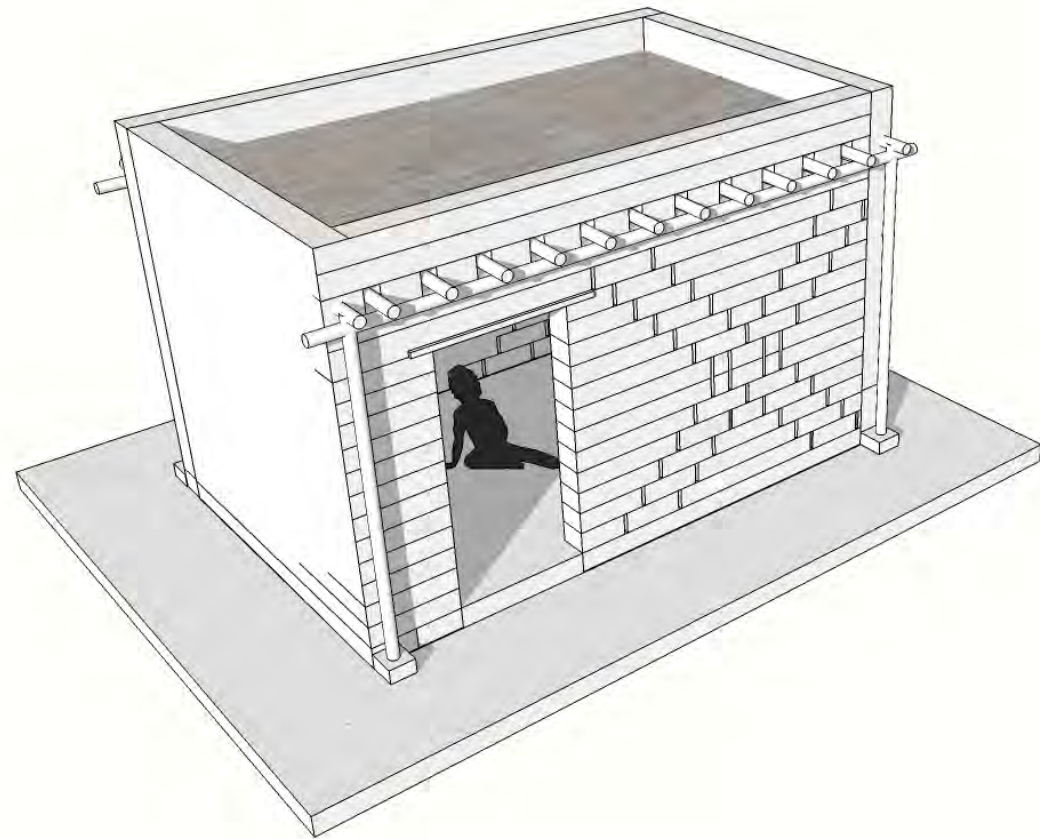
5 WOVEN MATS + BRICK LAYING + EARTH BASE + 1ST STRUCTURAL WALL

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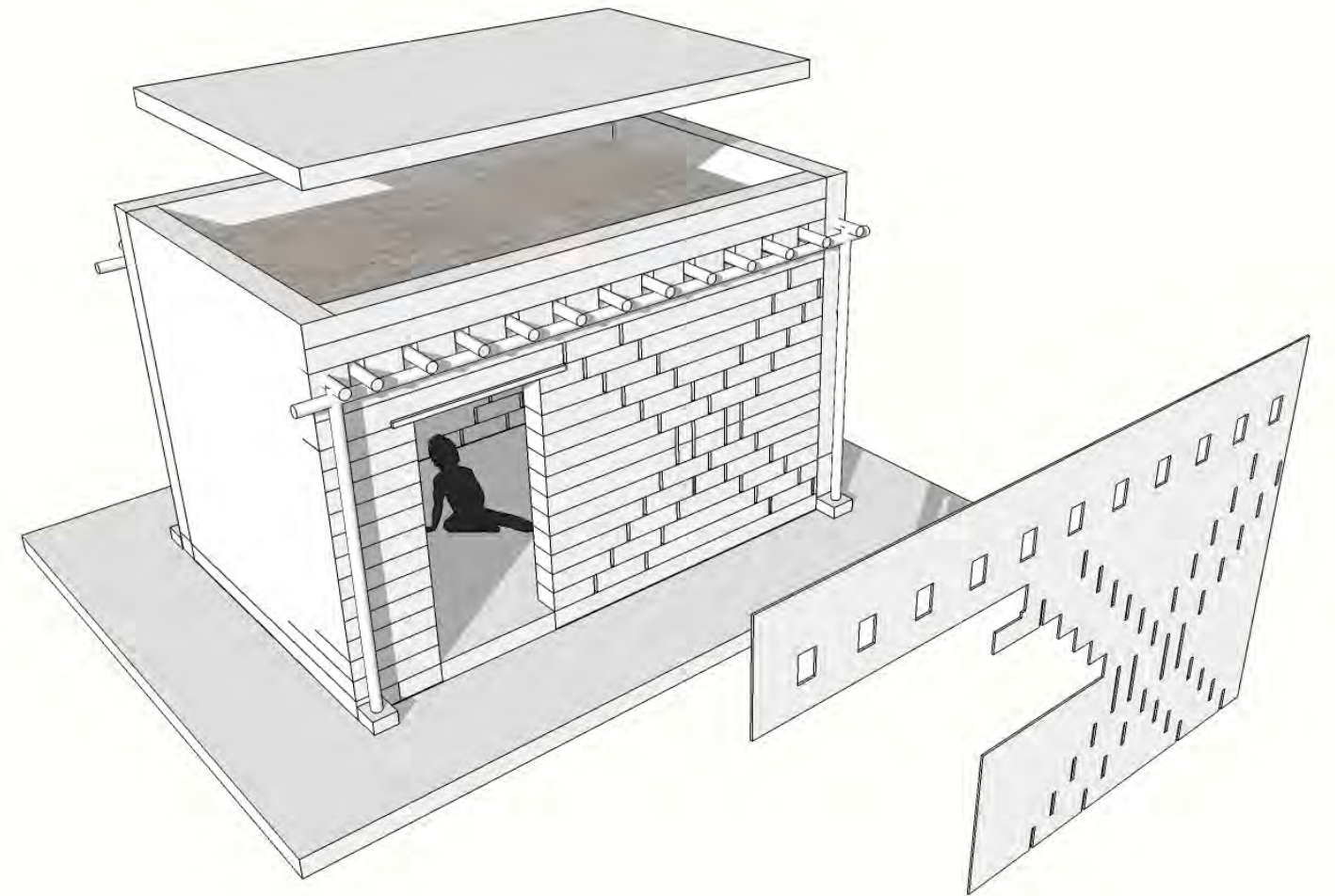


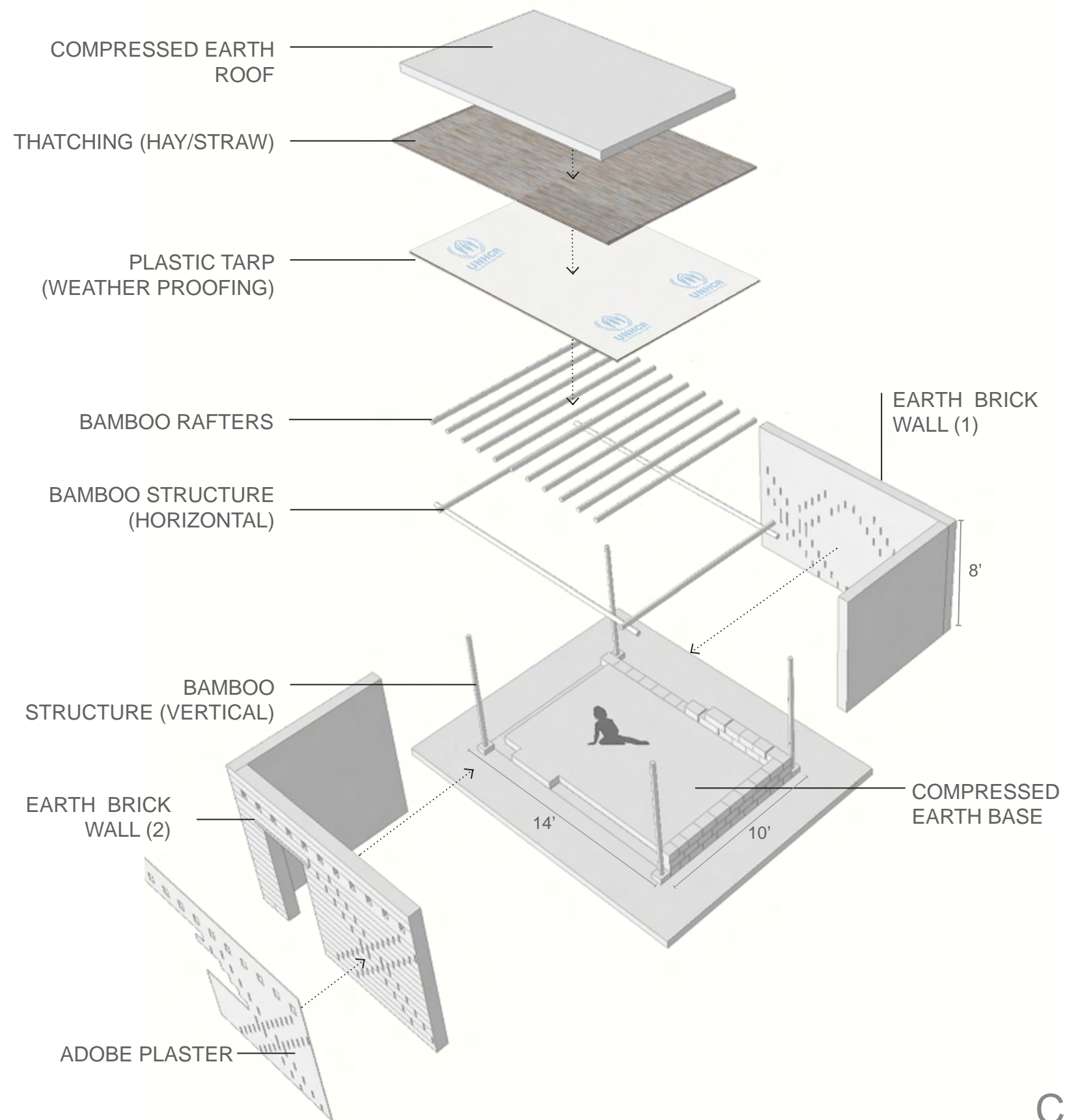
FOUNDATION DETAIL

6 WOVEN MATS + EARTH BASE + 1ST
STRUCTURAL WALL + 2ND STRUCTURAL
WALL = BASIC MODULE

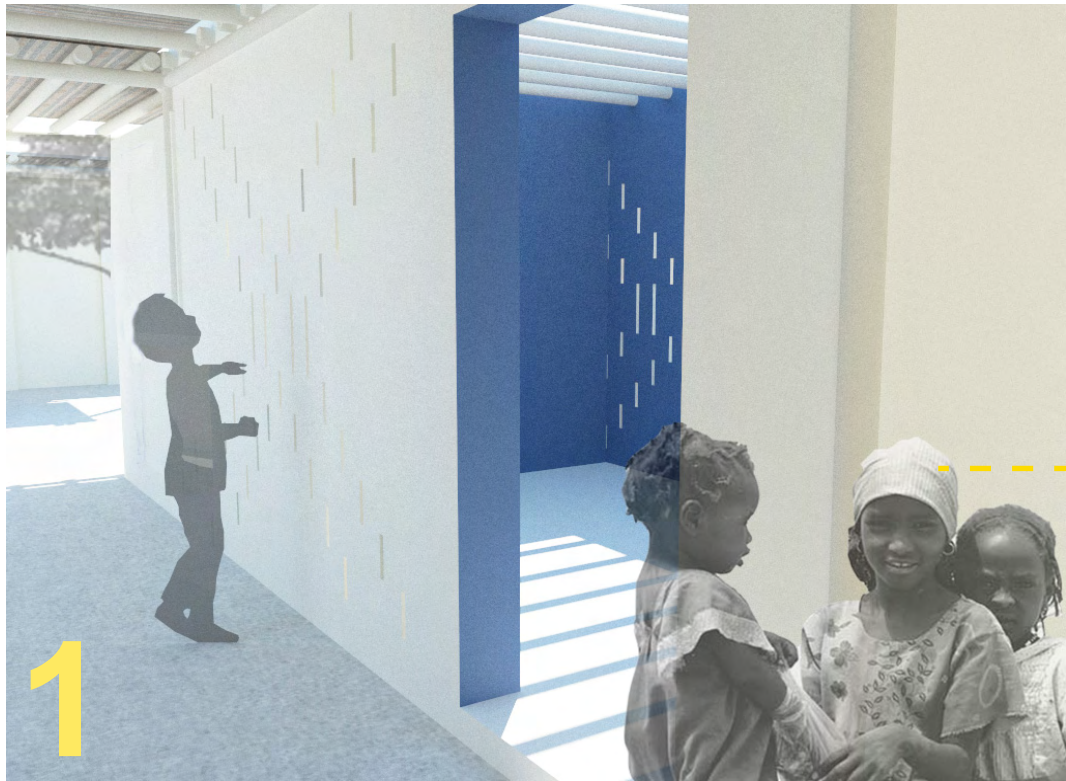


7 BASIC MODULE + THATCHED ROOF + COMPACT EARTH
ROOF = COMPLETE MODULE
ADDITIONAL: PLASTER





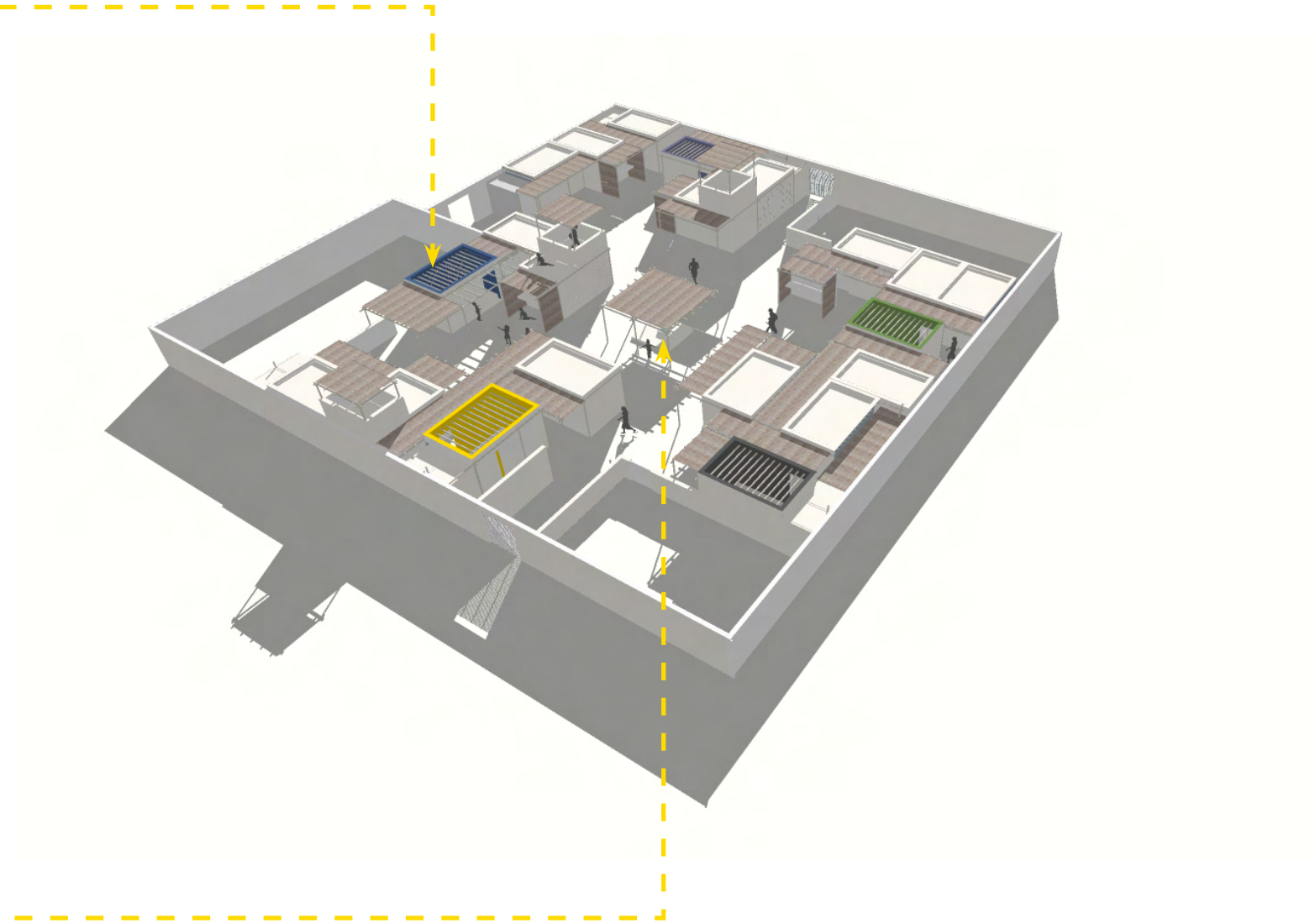
COMPONENTS ASSEMBLY



INFIRMARY/ NURSE QUARTERS



WATER PUMP STATION

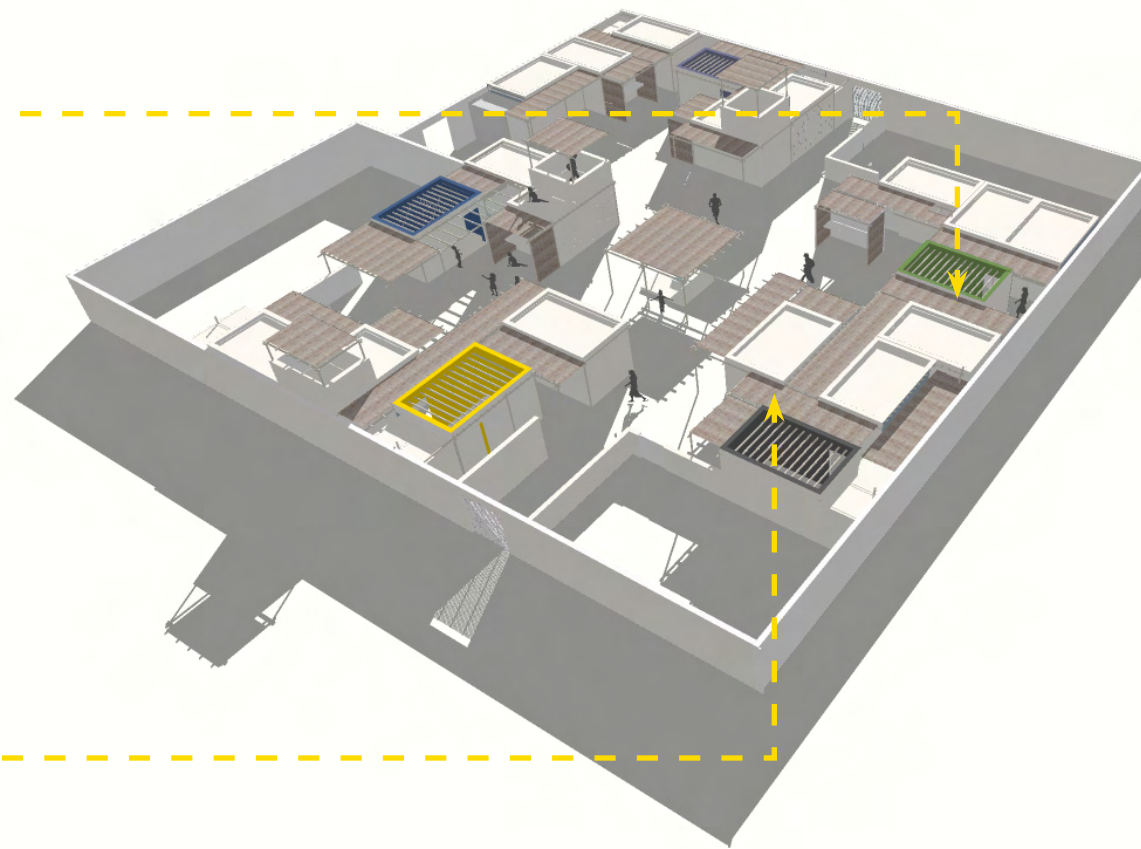




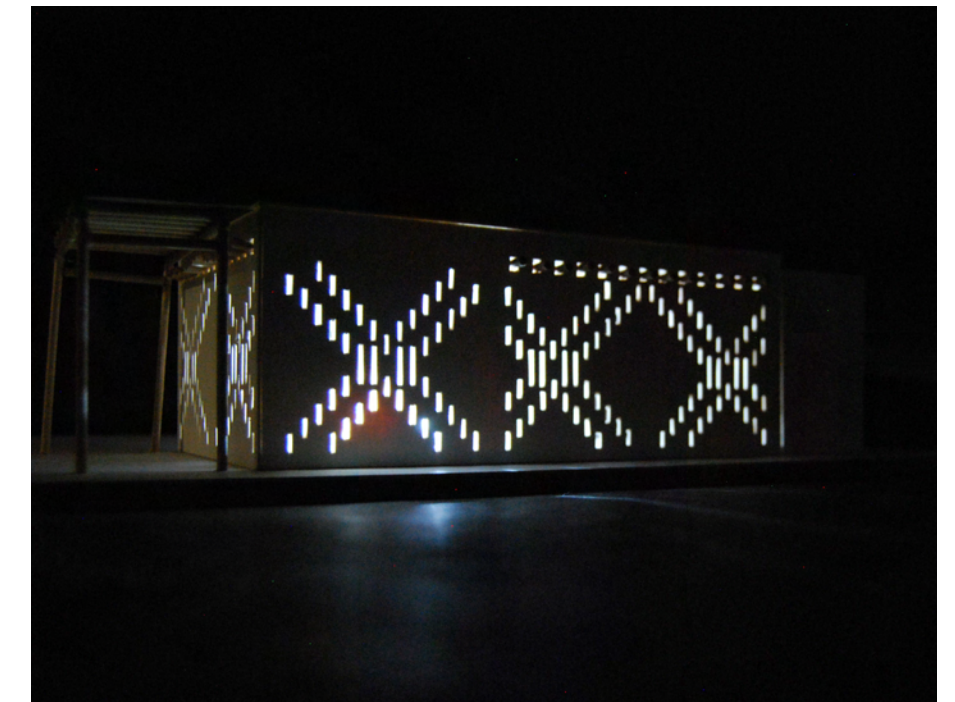
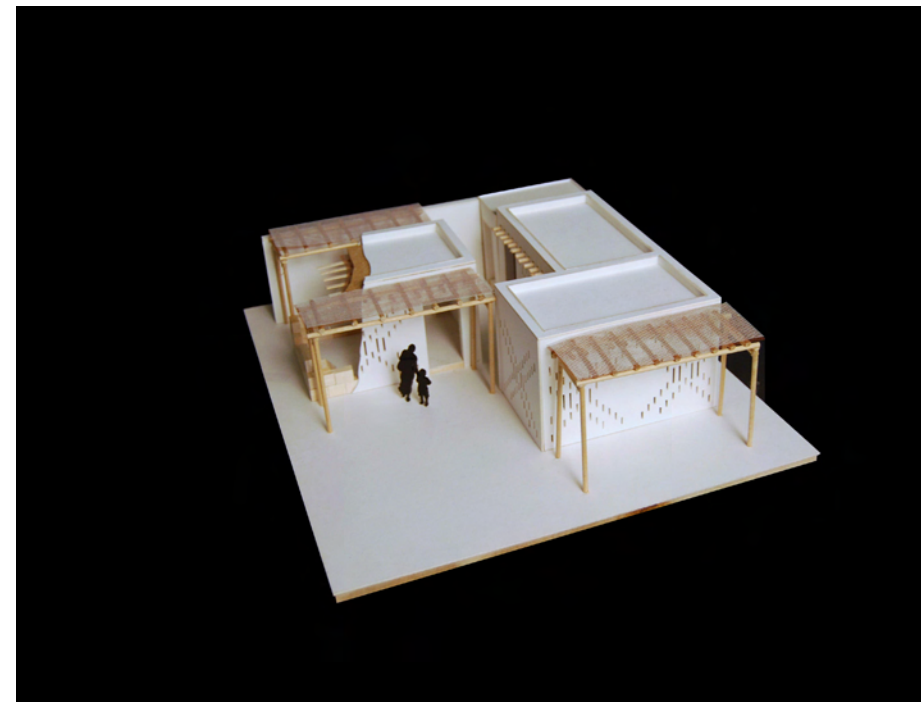
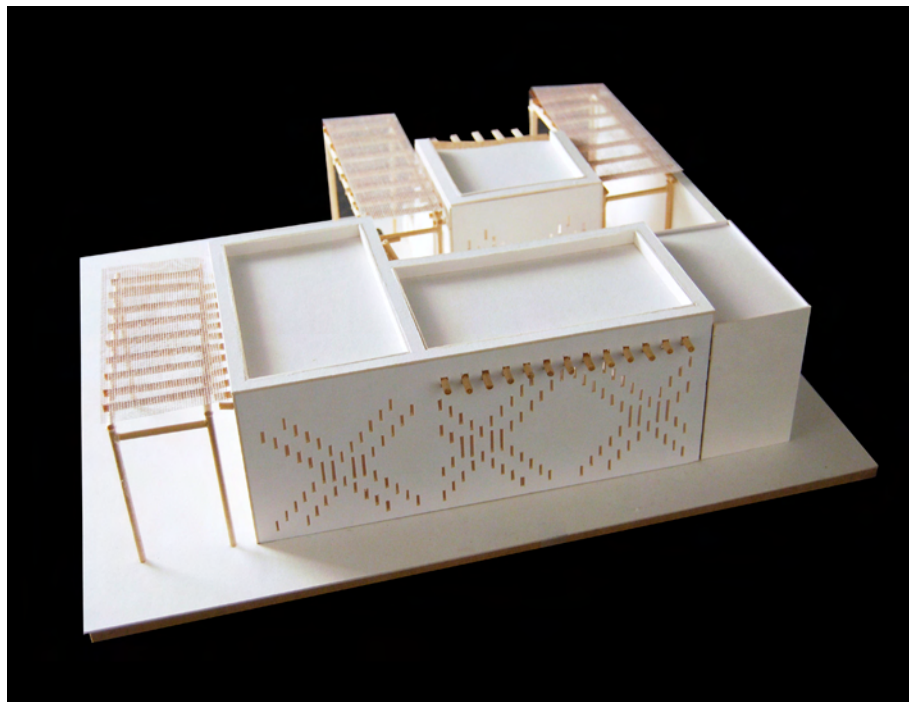
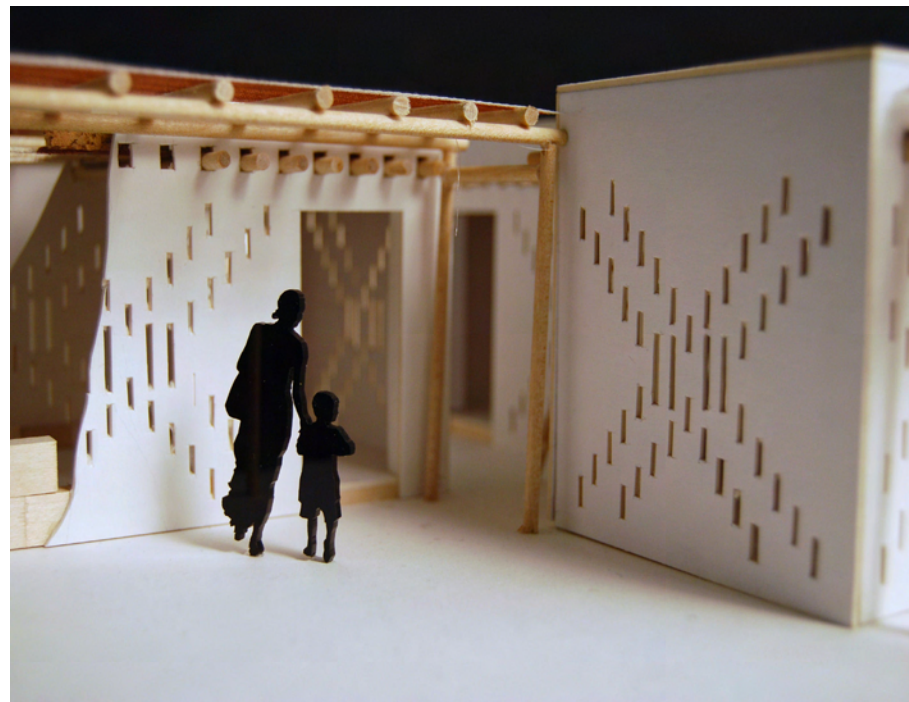
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INTERACT/ SHARED SPACE



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TRANSITION AREA

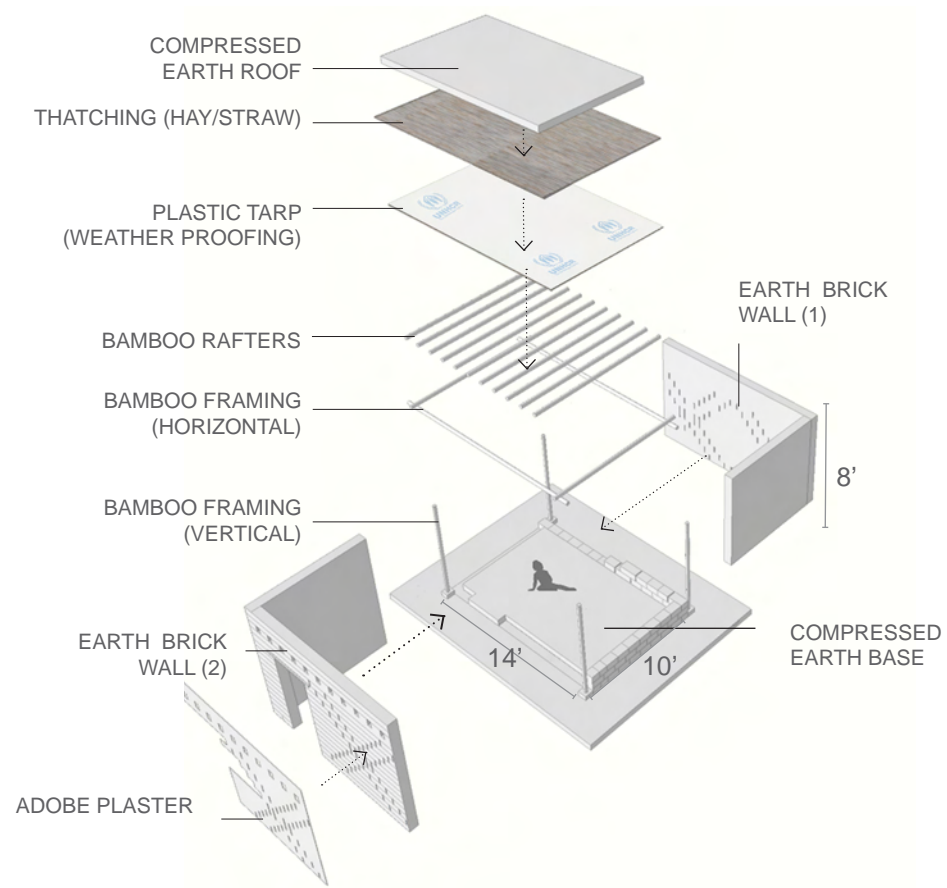
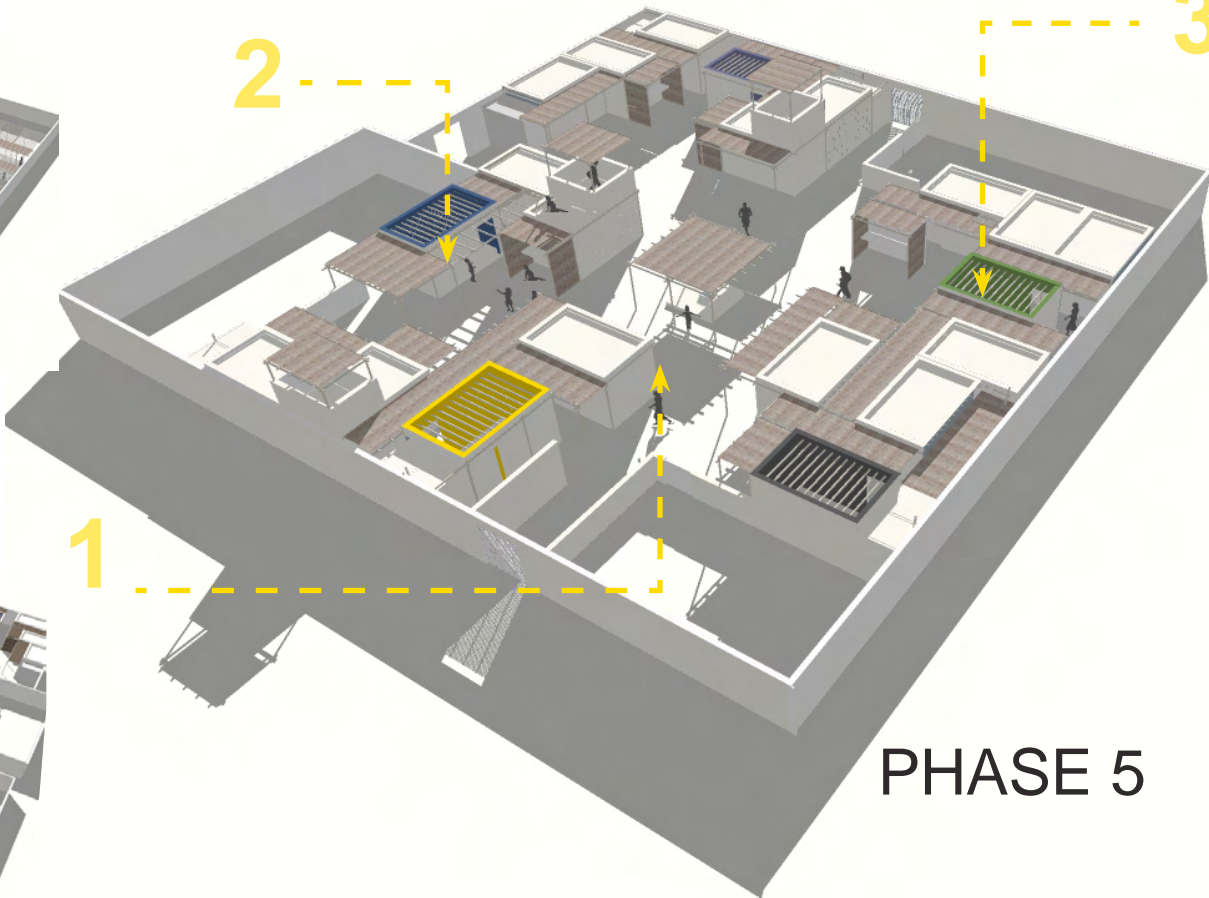
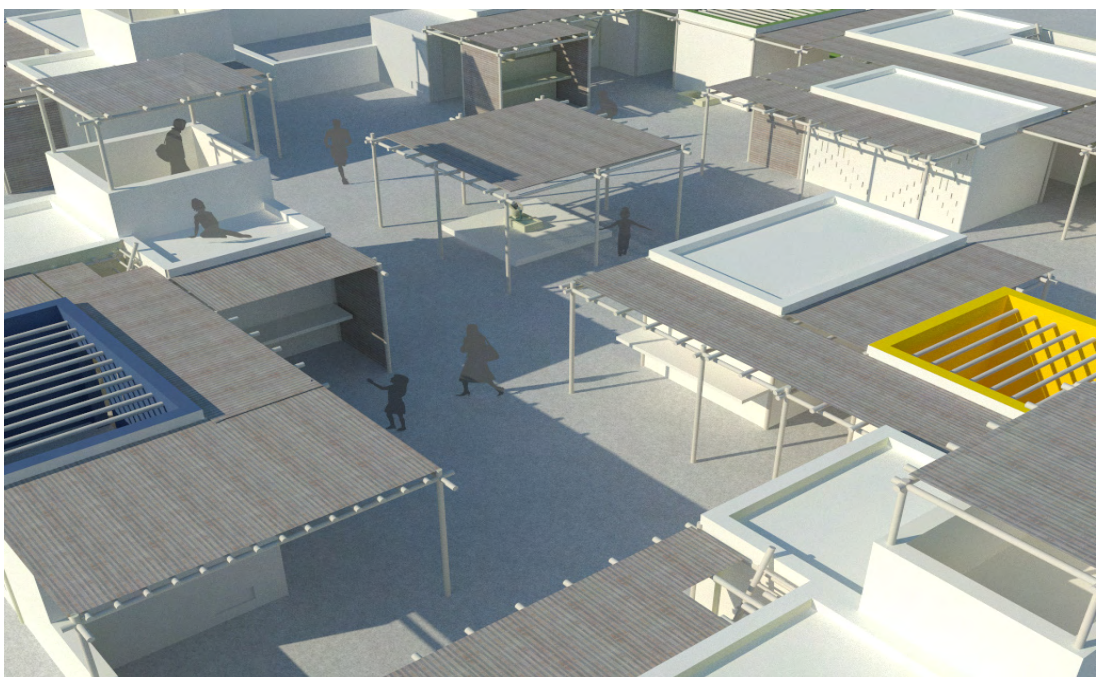
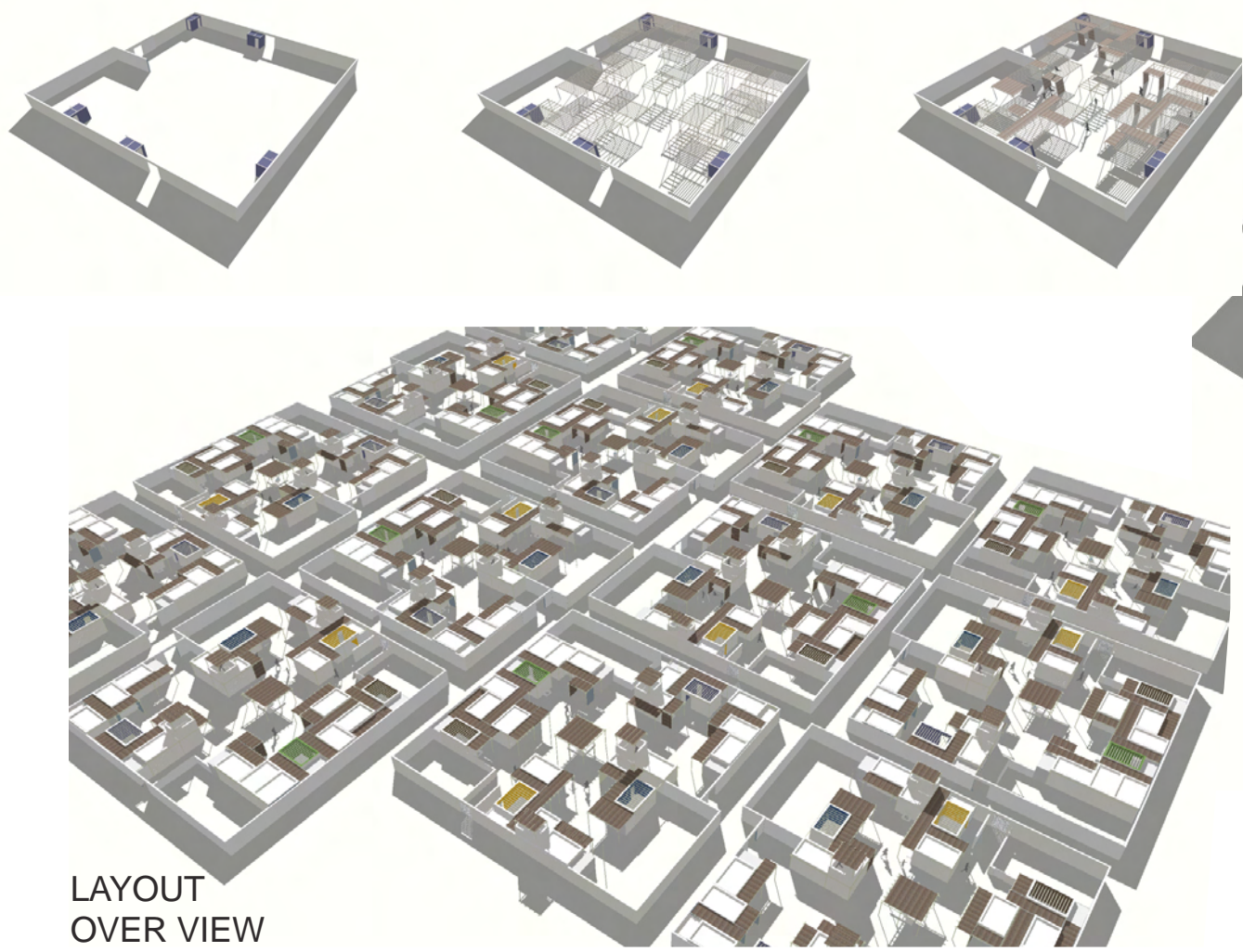
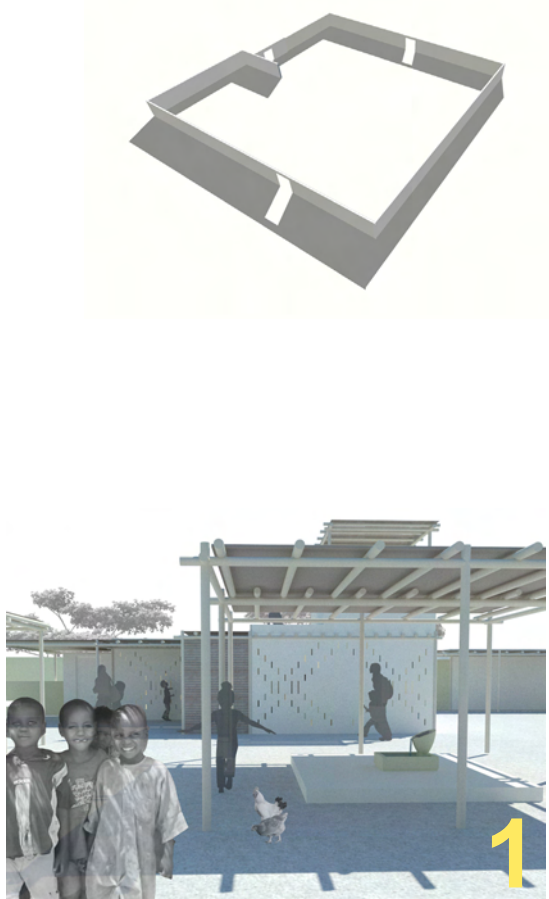


RENDERINGS AND SITE VIEWS



TRANSITIONAL REFUGEE COMMUNITY

PHASE 1 PHASE 2 PHASE 3 PHASE 4 2 3



RESOURCES





BOLD (BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES AND LIVELIHOODS IN DARFUR)

LOCATION: DARFUR PROVINCE, SUDAN

DATE: 2004 - 05

CLIENT: DISPLACED POPULATIONS IN DARFUR

DESIGN TEAM: SCOTT MULROONEY, ISAAC BOYD

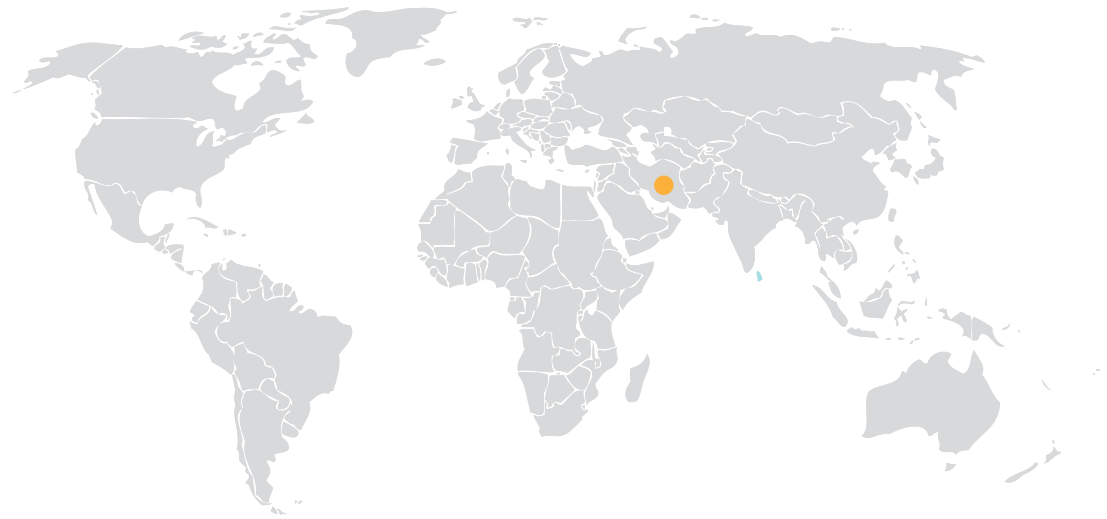
COST PER UNIT: \$90

MATERIALS: WOVEN GRASS MATS, BAMBOO, RUBBER TIRES,

OCCUPANCY: 4 - 5 PEOPLE

AREA: 67 SQ.FT/6.25 SQ.M





SUPER ADOBE

LOCATION: BANINAJAR REFUGEE CAMP, IRAN

DATE: 1995

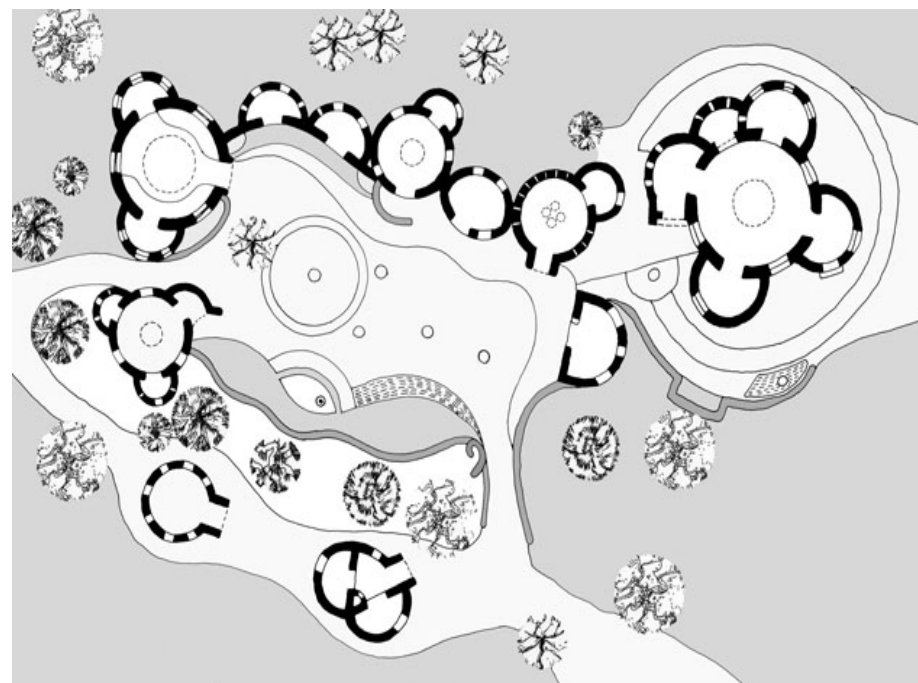
CLIENT: IRAQI REFUGEES

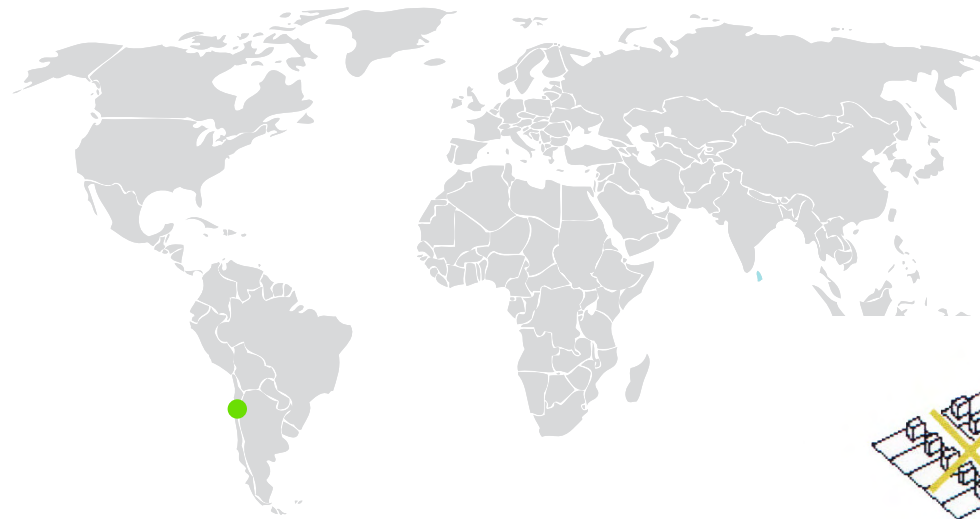
DESIGN FIRM: CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF EARTH ART AND ARCHITECTURE (CAL-EARTH)

COST PER UNIT: \$625

MATERIALS: LIME STABILIZED EARTH, SAND, BARBED WIRE (STABILIZATION)

AREA: 150 SQ.FT/ 14.6 SQ.M





QUINTA MONROY HOUSING PROJECT

LOCATION: IQUIQUE, CHILE

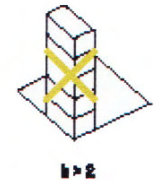
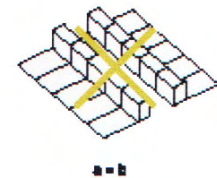
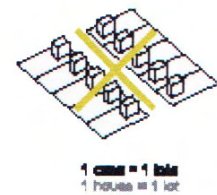
DATE: 2002 - 05

CLIENT: 93 ILLEGAL SQUATTER HOUSEHOLDS

DESIGN FIRM: ELEMENTAL HOUSING INITIATIVE

COST PER UNIT: \$7,500 (INCLUDING LAND)

AREA: 430 SQ.FT/ 36 SQ.M



A DIFFICULT EQUATION TO SOLVE

Low cost (US\$7,500) • Density (land and infrastructure savings)
Flexibility for growth • Structural complexity
Protect the quality of urban space • "Orderly" growth

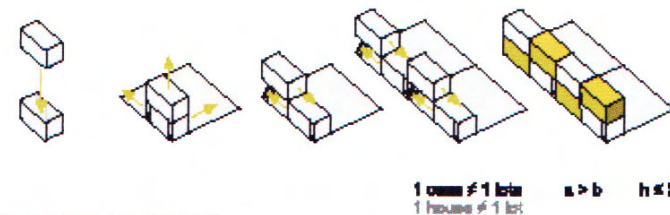
APPROXIMATIONS TO THE PARALELL HOUSING TYPOLOGY

- abolish the single-family per lot system
- increase the density and efficient use of land
- maintaining the possibility for growth

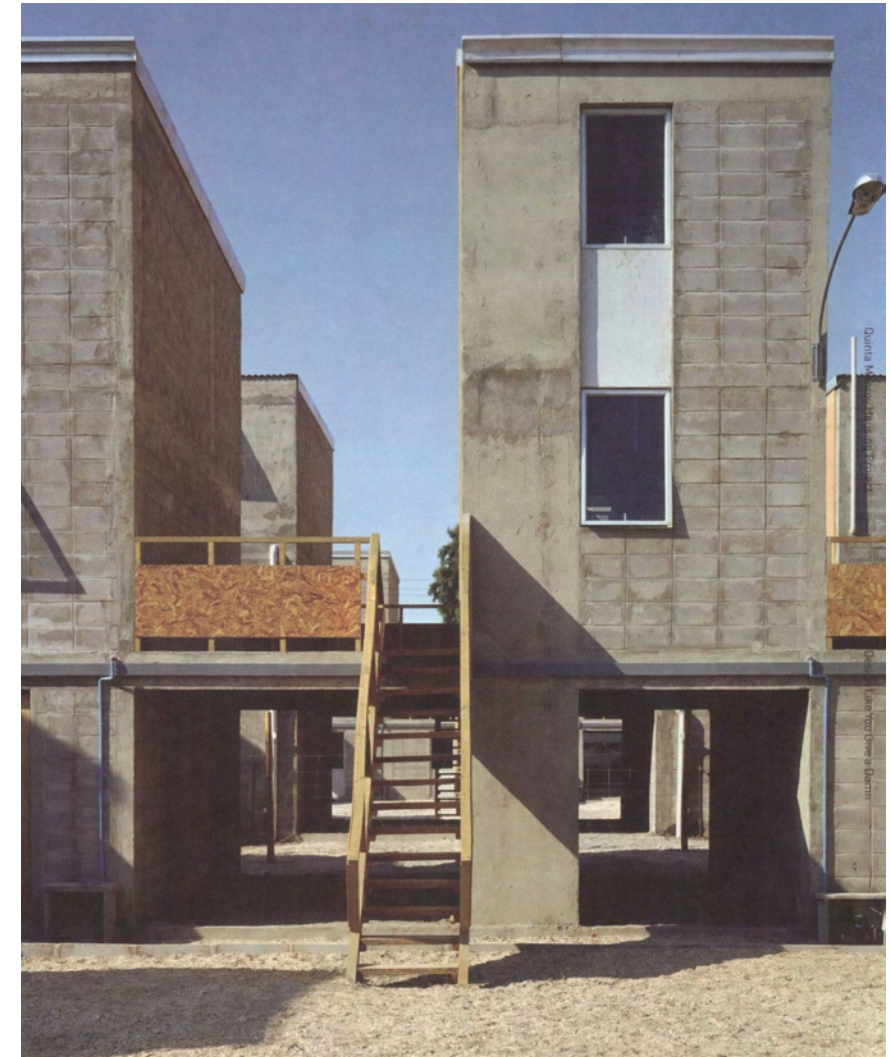
BASIC RULE:

The dividing walls should always coincide with habitable enclosures.

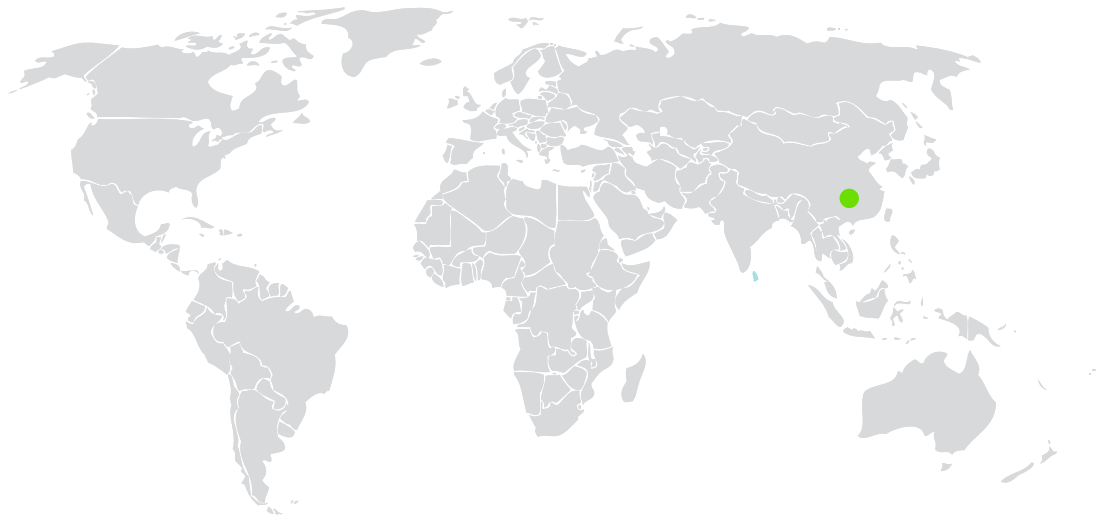
ELEMENTAL SCHEME OF THE PARALELL HOUSE



THE URBAN SCALE



CASE STUDIES



A BRIDGE TOO FAR

LOCATION: PO RIVER, MAOSI, GANSU PROVINCE, CHINA

DATE: 2004 - 05

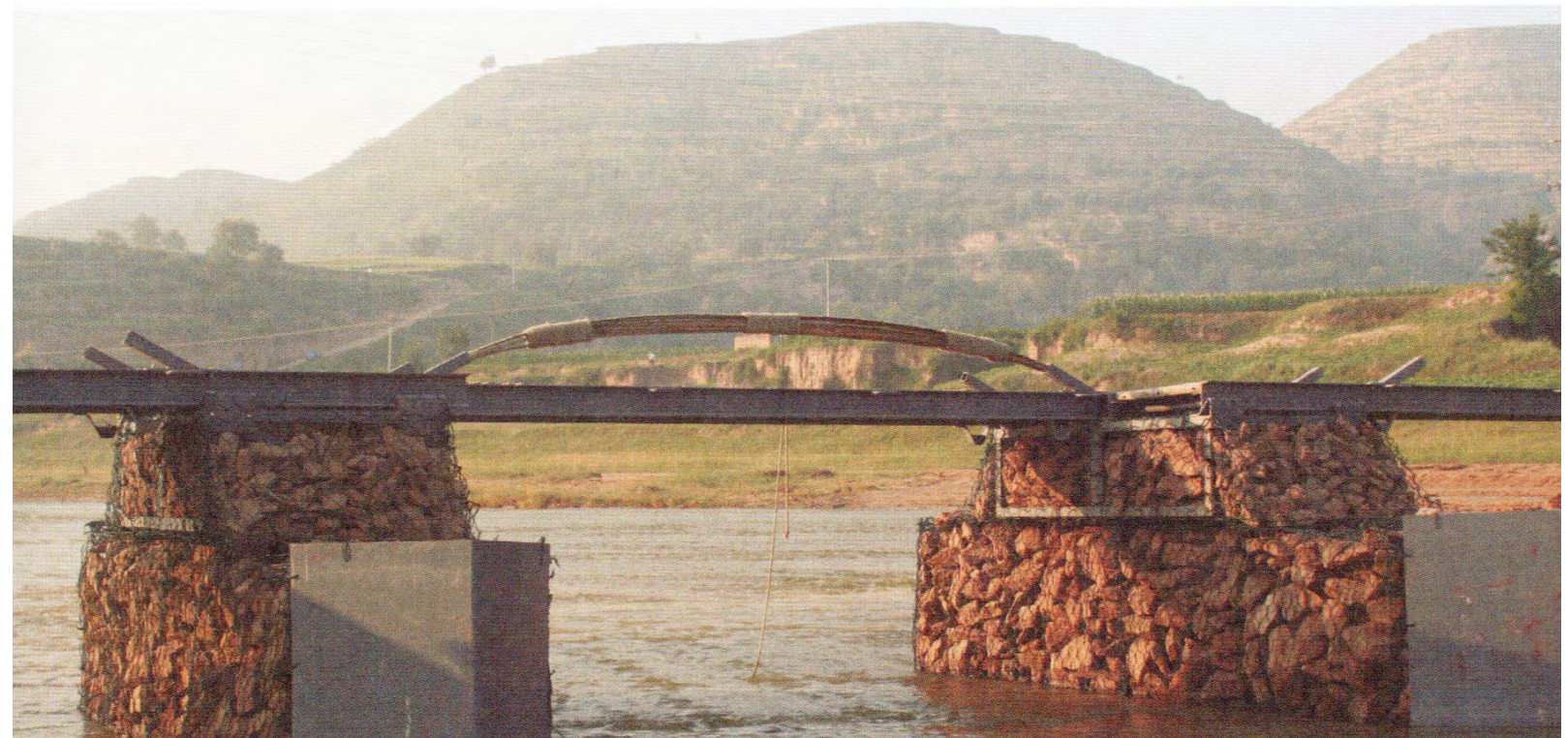
CLIENT: VILLAGERS OF MAOSI

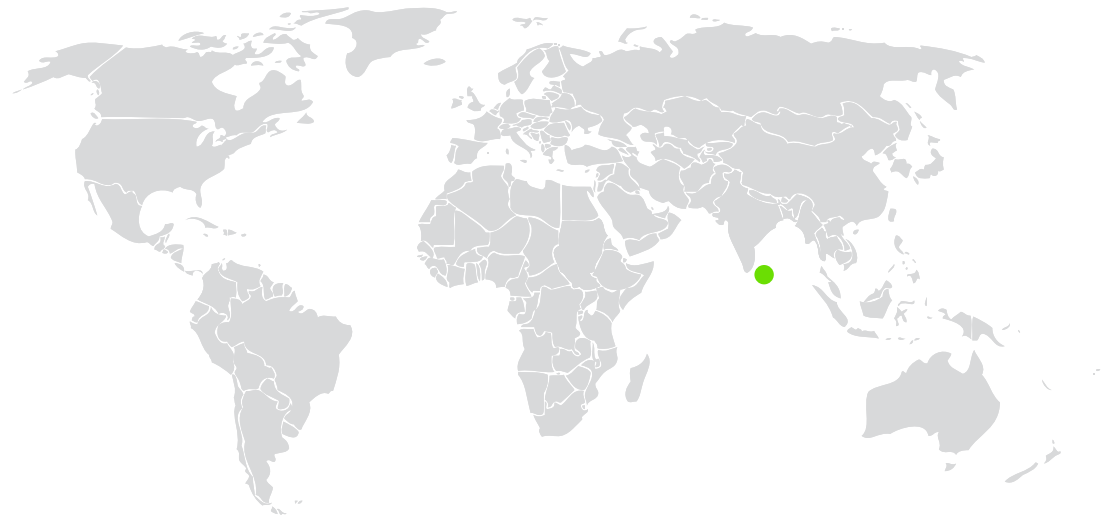
DESIGN TEAM: CHAN PUI MING, MU JUN, VOLUNTEERS FROM MAOSI, STUDENTS

COST: \$141,900 (INCLUDING LABOR AND MATERIALS)

MATERIALS: BAMBOO, STEEL, RUBBLE

LENGTH: 328 FT/100 M





SAFE(R) HOUSE

LOCATION: SRI LANKA

DATE: 2005

CLIENT: DISPLACED RESIDENTS OF DODANDUWA, SRI LANKA

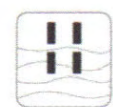
DESIGN TEAM: HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF DESIGN SENSEABLE

CITY LABORATORY

COST: \$1,500

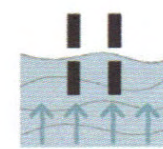
MATERIALS: CONCRETE BLOCK, BAMBOO, TIN ROOFING

LENGTH: 400 SQ. FT/ 37 SQ. M

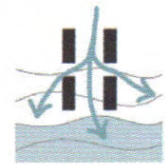


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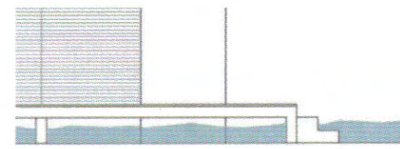
in order to maximize the resistance to an incoming tsunami, four independent linear supports, perpendicular to the coast, are created. they replace the uniform skin of the existing design. also, a raised platform guarantees better water flow and health



coast line



water flow

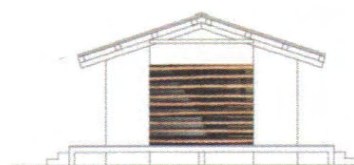


raised platform

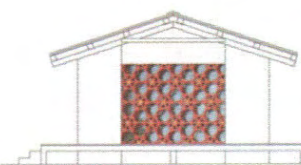


/upgradability

bamboo partitions are initially provided in between the core elements; with time they can be transformed and customized, engaging residents and promoting the reuse of elements from collapsed buildings



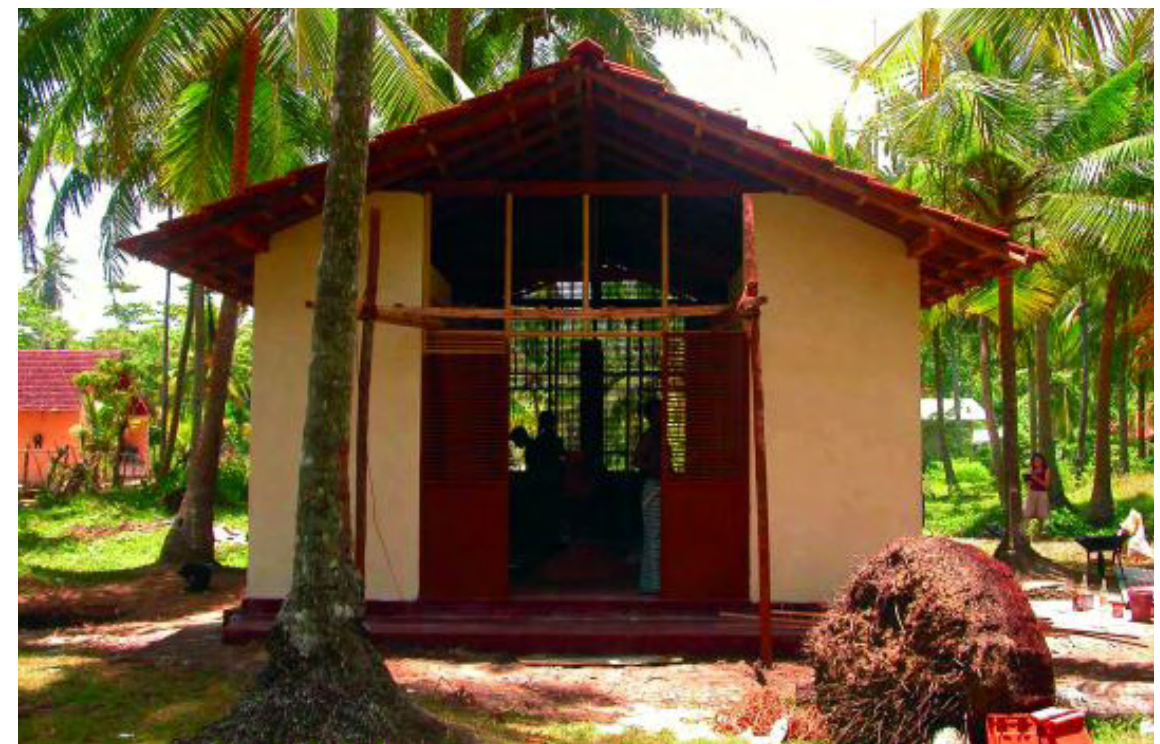
A - bamboo



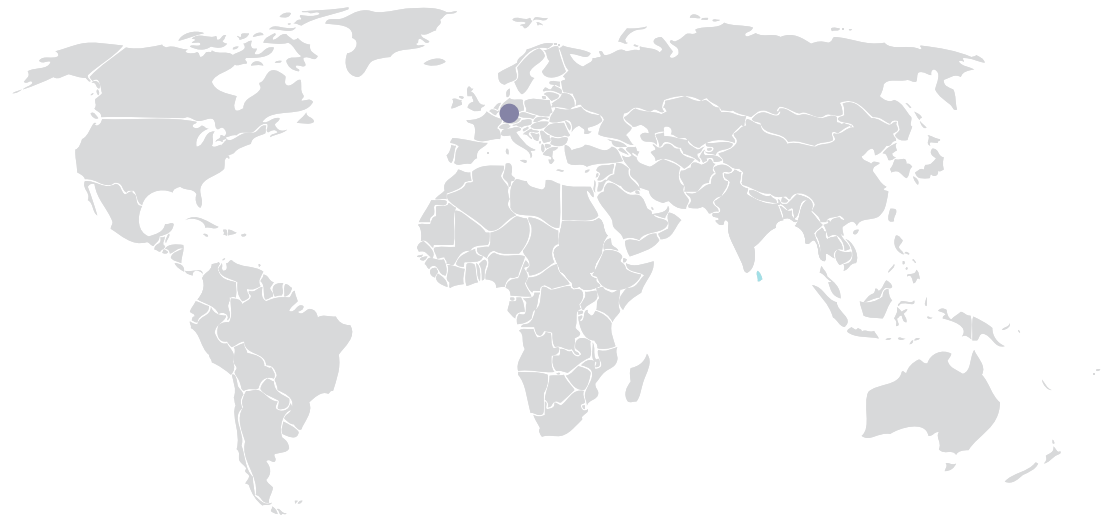
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C - ...



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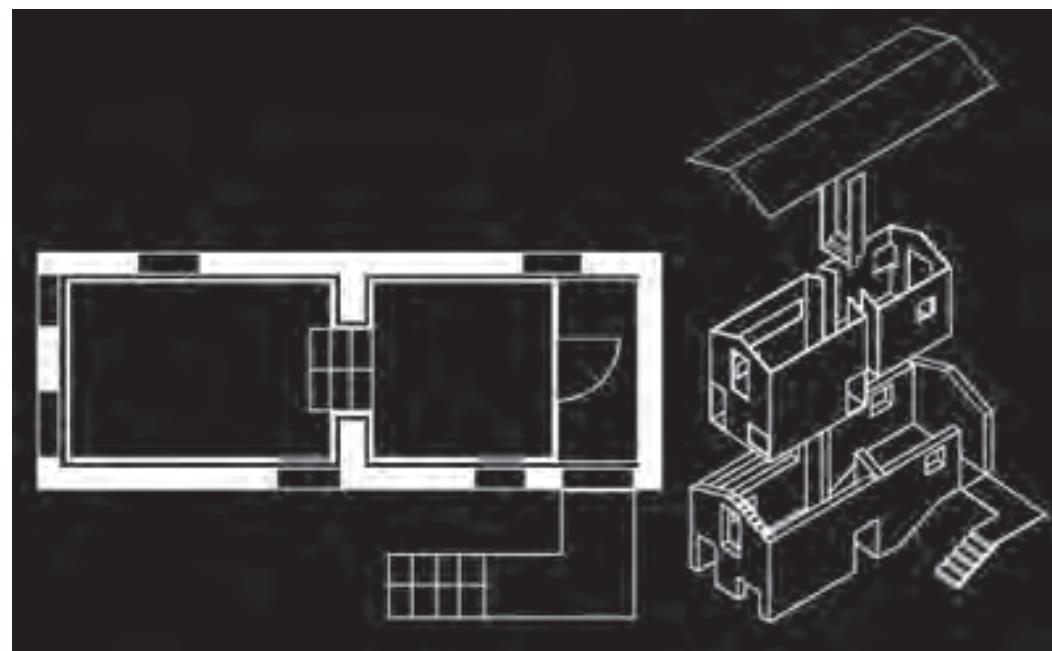
SAVING THE BACON

LOCATION: GERMANY

DATE: 2000

DESIGN TEAM: FNP ARCHITEKTEN

MATERIALS: WOOD, EXISTING CONCRETE BRICK STRUCTURE



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